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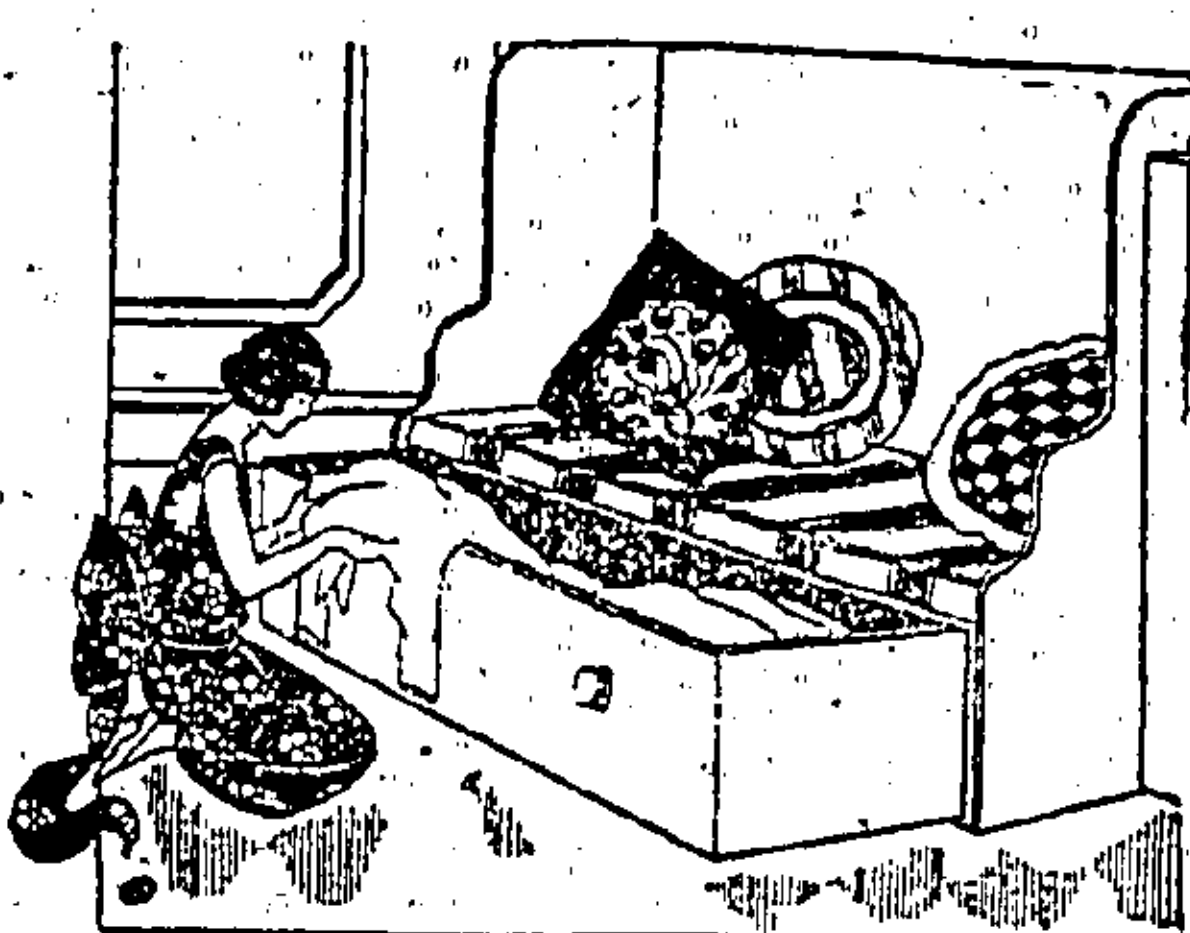
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DYKE RECONSTRUCTION.
PROJECTS BY FAMINE RELIEF
COMMISSION.SUCCOURING THE FLOOD
VICTIMS.

PEKING, November 24th.

Engineering projects in five provinces have been undertaken by the China International Famine Relief Commission, according to the 1923 report which has just been prepared.

Most of the work in the provinces of Kiangsi, Hupeh, Chihli, Shantung and Szechuen has been dyke building and other irrigation developments, but there have been efforts on other lines of public improvements.

In Kiangsi, says the report, the unusual floods of July, 1924, in Kiangsi Province, caused heavy damages to dykes, fields and villages, to say nothing of loss of life and growing crops. A programme of dyke reconstruction was adopted by the new Kiangsi Committee, China International Famine Relief Commission, after an inspection trip in September, 1924, by the Chief Engineer. The work started on the first of the year and was completed about July 1st. It embraced dyke repairs that protected 16 "inlands" from the 1923 floods in the Kan River delta between Nanchang and Po Yang Lake, thus immediately reclaiming for rice culture, land valued at \$20,000,000, the work costing \$200,000 or 1 per cent. of the value of reclaimed land.

Later in the spring, numerous serious breaks in the main right dyke of the Kan River, 50 miles south of Nanchang, were repaired by the same organization co-operating with the officials, the Magistrate of Nanchang being particularly active in making these accomplishments possible. By general agreement between the farmers, the Committee, and Engineer Hildbrand, who was in charge of the work, a uniform price of 20 cts. to 25 cts. per *fun* for dyke construction was established and maintained, the work being done entirely for flood sufferers.

While the 1923 programme in Hupeh, called for work both on the Yangtze River and the Han River as well as on small jobs to the north of Hankow, by far the most difficult of these was the Shihshow dyke on the south bank of the Yangtze, 300 miles above Hankow. This work was begun early in the year and completed about September 1st. It may be considered as a triumph in several ways due to the many obstacles with which our Hupeh Committee as well as the engineers were confronted from start to finish.

This work represents an expenditure of approximately \$150,000. It reclaimed from the floods a tract of 500,000 *mu* of land that was normally used for the growing of rice and which has been out of use most of the time for the past seven years. The annual crop values from this area should total upwards of \$2,000,000. An attempt by the local authorities to close this gap in the dyke was made in 1923 without success. Special precautions were taken this year to build a structure that could withstand the attacks of waves at high water and also be safe against the tendency to undermining due to the sand hills that exist at the site of the main work.

A muck ditch was excavated from eight to ten feet in depth and 100 feet wide, into which selected clay was packed, after sheet piling 14 feet long had been driven immediately in front. This clay core, begun in the muck ditch, was carried up through the dyke to the top. A well selected clay cover was also put on the river slope of the dyke and a lighter cover on the other slope. This seemed necessary, due to a quantity of sand that was mixed in with the silt material that had to be used for this structure. Stone wave protection was also added for a distance of 4,000 lineal feet in the most hazardous portion of the dyke. In the widest section, this dyke is 250 feet across at the base and 30 feet high.

The other Hupeh project was put through one hundred and eighty miles. Above Hankow the Han River has a sharp bend at the village of Tackow and in 1923 the rapid erosion caused by the swift current at high water broke through this dyke, flooding a large area of the country to the south. The damage was extremely heavy and attempts were at once made to repair the break. These were under local management carried out in the summer of 1924. They proved abortive, however, and the China International Famine Relief Commission was asked to put in new work this year. This was started in March and completed in May at a total cost of about \$70,000. This work held through the flood period of the past summer and saved the crops in the region that had gone under water the two previous summers, thus furnishing dependable insurance against flood for \$5,000,000 worth of foodstuffs.

In Chihli many plans were made, but few carried out in 1923. The thing that seemed most necessary required more money than could be found. Reference is here made to the proposed Tu Liu Root channel, going from a point about 25 miles south-west of Tientsin on the Hsi Ho in an easterly direction to the sea, a distance of about 45 miles. The earthwork on this job was estimated at about \$6,000,000 and this job still seems the most necessary piece of flood prevention work to be undertaken in central Chihli.

With limited funds, the only practical work to be undertaken in the flooded area was dyke repairing in the region between Paoingfu and Tientsin. Although plans were made for repairs near West Lake, north of Wei An Wa and along the Hsi Ho, only the latter were finally carried out. The Tsin Hai work cost approximately \$60,000, half of which was advanced by the Chihli Committee. Assistant Engineer Yang handled this work in the late spring and summer and completed it on time, so that while other regions in the immediate vicinity were under water, a large territory lying east of the Hsi Ho was saved from flood and all summer and fall crops were harvested.

During the summer of 1923, plans and estimates have been completed by Engineer Haueh of the Commission for the Shih La Irrigation Works immediately west of Peking.

Water is to be taken from the Yuang Ting Ho to irrigate 70,000 *mu* of semi-arid land. This will cost \$75,000 and will add a large area of agricultural land near the capital that can be devoted to market gardening. The construction of this project is to be completed early next summer.

On August 20th, at the invitation of the authorities of the North-west, the Chief Engineers took a complete survey party from Peking to Wu Yuan, 100 miles west of the western terminus of the Peking-Suiyuan Railway, where surveys were commenced on August 29th to make a study of the old irrigation canal system in this region of approximately 8,000,000 *mu* of farming land that is about to be used as a new settlement for the overflowing population from Shantung and Chihli. These surveys are still under way under the direction of Engineer Yang. A report will be issued later in the year, making definite recommendations for revising the system of irrigation to the end that genuine crop insurance may be effected.

Shantung became a very active province when on August 14th, the inner Yellow River broke near Lingpu. Western Shantung, gave away so that within the few days following, the basin lying between the inner and outer south dykes of the Yellow River between Lingpu and the old Grand Canal, was under water. Several feet in depth with the flood waters from the river. A thousand villages and all the crops in the fields were destroyed. On September 20th, a break occurred in the main south dyke 30 li south-west of Shihliu, letting a large portion of this water flow out across the country to the south and east, flooding a new area. Altogether nearly a thousand square miles of good farming land were flooded so that the fall crops were ruined and but little of the land was available for fall wheat planting. The damages have been estimated at approximately \$20,000,000.

At the invitation of the Shantung Government, the Chief Engineer has made two inspection trips to this broken region, and early in October placed two engineers on the work to make careful measurements of the river and the damaged dykes to gather data for final estimates on cost of reconstruction, and the authorities are now urging the Commission to undertake the work of transferring the river back into its previous channel.

The project is very similar to the one planned and carried out by the Commission's Chief Engineer near Li Chin, Shantung, in 1922 and 1923 and the same methods may be used in making these repairs. His gaugings show that only half of the present flow of the river is going through the Lingpu break, while the other half remains in the former river channel. The preliminary estimates of the Chief Engineer indicate that approximately \$1,500,000 should be spent in repairing the damage caused to the dykes by these breaks, and in safeguarding that part of the river with stone-work against similar disasters in the future.

While the trip of investigation of the Chief Engineer in late May in Szechuen showed that there were famine conditions, and the new Chungking Committee unanimously decided that the main work project should be the construction of a motor road connecting Chungking with Chengtu, political conditions in Szechuen have prevented the immediate undertaking of this project. The survey party was organized and about to start the work in late September, but has temporarily postponed going into the field. It is estimated that the road will cost approximately \$4,000,000 and will take two or three years to construct; much of it being through mountainous country in sandstone rock. (Continued at foot of next column.)

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A WEAK EXCUSE.

CHINESE METER READER BOUND OVER.

At the Kowloon Magistrate, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday, an electric meter reader, employed by the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., was charged with obtaining a sum of \$10 under the pretext that he had been authorised to collect it on behalf of the Company.

A Chinese woman said that whilst the defendant was reading a meter at No. 18, Pine Street, she asked him to assist her in applying to the Company to have a meter installed in her house. He agreed on condition that she paid \$10 deposit. She handed over the money, but no reply was ever received from the Company.

Mr. W. J. Brown said that defendant had no authority to collect money for the Company and had not accounted for the \$10.

Defendant stated that he handed the money to his cousin with the request that it be paid to the Company's office at Hok Ua. His cousin, who was called, said that he had failed to find the Company's offices, and retained the money, which he then produced in Court.

On his being informed that the defendant would be dismissed by the Company, His Worship bound him over for six months.

SPANISH TRADE WAR ON GERMANY.

PROHIBITIVE DUTIES IMPOSED.

By a Royal decree published in the Madrid Gazette on the 6th ult., the importation of German goods into the free ports of the Canary Islands and Morocco is totally prohibited and 80 per cent. duty over and above the first column duties of the Customs Tariff is imposed on all German goods entering Spain and the Balearic Islands.

This very severe action has been taken in consequence of what is described officially as the unjustified attitude of Germany and the dilatoriness of the negotiations for a commercial treaty. The Madrid Press is unanimous in upholding the action taken by the Government, which has a precedent during the tariff war with France in 1920.

Last year Germany imported from Spain goods to the value of 106,000,000 Reichsmarks (\$25,300,000) and German exports to Spain totalled 90,000,000 Reichsmarks (\$24,500,000). During the first six months of the present year the commercial balance is believed to have increased in favour of Spain by some 20,000,000 Reichsmarks (\$1,000,000).

German traders appear to have foreseen the present rupture. For several months past large stocks of German goods have been ordered and the congestion at both frontier stations of Irún and Port Bou is great and 450 railway trucks are stated to be awaiting dispatch. These goods, having arrived before the expiration of the commercial *modus vivendi*, will not be penalized. The rupture comes at an awkward moment for the Spanish exporters, as the busy season in the wine trade is approaching and there is great activity in raisins and bananas. Should shipment of oranges to Germany be delayed, as now seems inevitable, the result may be more favourable prices for British purchasers.

THE "EGYPT'S" GOLD.

A NEW GERMAN DIVING APPARATUS TO BE USED.

Lloyd's List has an interesting announcement concerning the attempt which is to be made to save the bullion from the P. and O. steamer *Egypt*, which was sunk after collision with the *Seine* off Ushant. It states that the Salvage Association placed the rights of recovery of the bullion in the *Egypt* with Mr. C. P. Sandberg and Mr. J. Swinburne, who made arrangements with the Gothenburg Towing and Salvage Company to locate the *Egypt*, and what is believed to be the wreck was discovered by the company two years ago. The French firm with which Messrs. Sandberg and Swinburne have now entered into a contract is L'Union d'Entreprises Sous-Marines. It is thought, as a result of negotiations, that the task of recovering the bullion could be undertaken with the greatest chances of success by a French firm working from a French base.

A German "deep-sea" diving apparatus has been developed by Messrs. Neufeldt and Kuhnke, of Kiel, by means of which it is claimed that a diver is able to work at a depth of 500 ft., which is an even greater depth than that at which the *Egypt* is believed to lie, namely, 84 fathoms. The difficulty hitherto experienced was to carry out operations so far down, owing to the pressure of water, but it is stated that the German apparatus has stood the test at the depth mentioned. The operations are to be begun in the early spring, Brest being the base. There are, of course, many difficulties in the way, not the least of which may be the currents which may have to be overcome, coupled with bad weather, but there will be a general hope that at length, after much patient investigation, a means will have been found of recovering the sunken bullion. The value of the consignment which went down with the *Egypt* was estimated at \$1,000,000, \$250,000 in gold and \$250,000 in silver.

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Do. (old)	\$134 nom.
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Hongkong Tramways	\$24 b, 25 sel, 23 1/2 sa.
Lane Crawford	\$124 buy.
MacIntosh	\$213 buy.
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Taxis	\$5 sel.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$15 sel.
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buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom—nominal.	

SOVIET TRADE MONOPOLY. PROJECTED ALTERATION.

At a recent secret sitting of the Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party with representatives of the Vneshtorg, there was a heated debate on whether it was expedient or not to introduce changes in the system of the monopoly of foreign trade.

As the decisions of the Communist Party determine all the measures of the Soviet Government, the resolutions of this joint sitting are of considerable interest, says the Riga correspondent of *The Times*. They represent a compromise between the advocates of strict and consistent monopoly and business interests who consider that for an extension of trade with the West radical changes in the existing system are needed.

The resolutions declared that the monopoly was necessary not only for the preservation of the social and political structure of the Soviet State, but for its economic protection against the "assaults of foreign capital." Nevertheless, it was necessary to make the system more elastic by organizing all the companies and syndicates into combines, each industry having its own combine. It was considered advisable to begin by organizing four combines for the handling of the export of timber, butter, coal, and furs, and six for the import of raw cotton, agricultural machinery, equipment for the textile, metal, electro-technical, and chemical industries. The combines will not require special licences, but all transactions abroad must pass through the trade agencies attached to the Soviet Legations. The proposals of this scheme consider it will be easier for such special export and import combines to obtain credits in European markets.

Much interest is shown in the negotiations which are said to be proceeding between American capitalists and the German Reichsbank for the financing of German trade in the East. In Soviet Government circles it is said that the American capitalists are willing to grant Germany credits for trade with the Soviet Republics provided that the German banks accept the sole liability for such operations. Apparently the negotiations which it is reported were begun in this sense by Dr. Wirth, the former German Chancellor, are now assuming greater scope. It is difficult to judge whether the Americans have really expressed willingness thus to finance Soviet Russia, through Germany's mediation. Possibly the report is merely a "Red" balloon d'essai.



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IRREGULAR TAXES ON TRADE.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BRITISH FIRMS.

The Peking Correspondent of *The Times* in a recent message says: Every vessel on the Upper Yangtze is stopped at various points in the Gorges by troops or bandits and forced to contribute an arbitrary sum. That is not *likin*, or a direct tax on goods, but in effect it is a levy on trade. Every wagon load of goods on the Suiyuan railway destined for British firms at the coast has to pay, in addition to the legitimate transit charges \$360 to Feng Yu Hsiang's officers, otherwise there are no wagons. That is not *likin*, but it is an irregular tax on trade. Everywhere throughout the country similar taxation is being imposed by the military, totally against the law of the land, and in violation of treaties. In the case of Feng Yu Hsiang his men charge nationalities other than British only \$240 per car load, regardless of the fact that China at Washington guaranteed no discrimination on her railways. Another of the Christian General's plans for making money irregularly out of trade is the creation of a monopoly for the motor-transport trade between Kalgan and Urga by imposing a charge of \$500 on every foreign motor-car leaving Kalgan. Other nationalists who have patched up roads in the interior are doing the same thing.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 11th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.12	30.11	30.10
Temperature	69	68	71
Humidity	69	83	71
Wind Direction	E	North	N
Force	1	1	1
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.66	0.00	0.00
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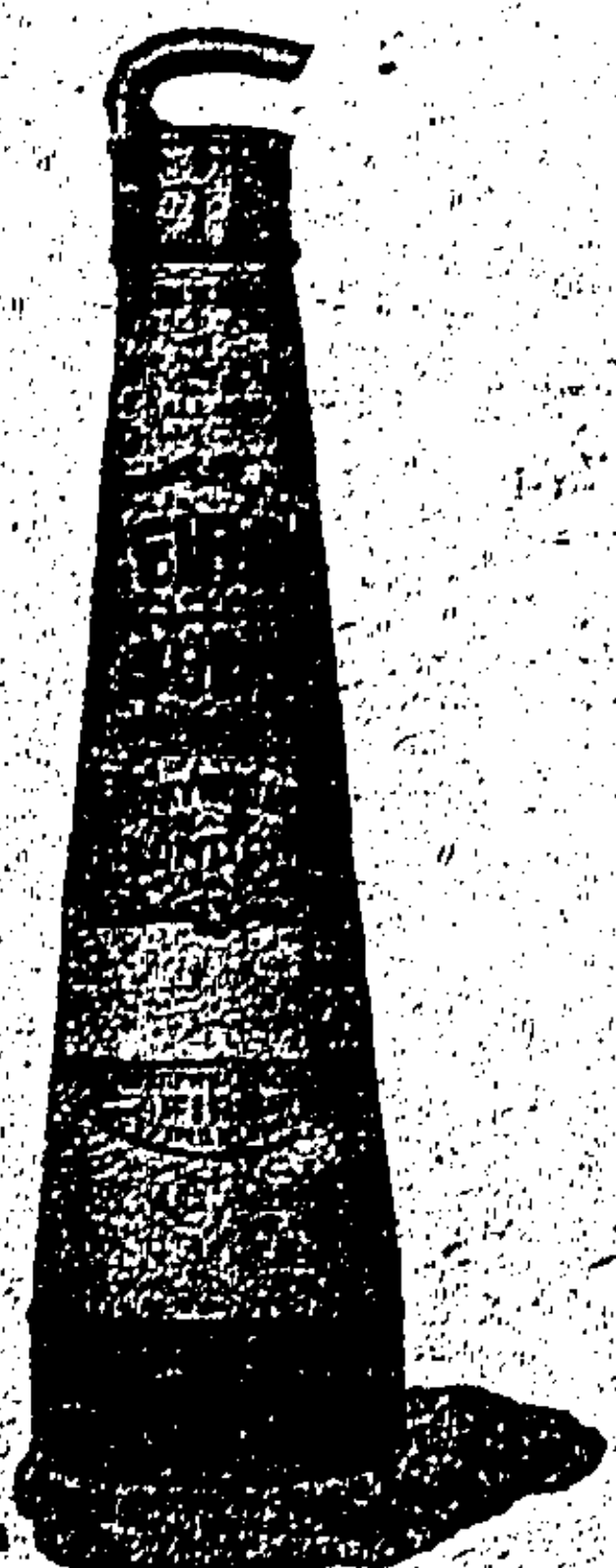
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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION—

SEMI-FINAL.

CIVILIANS v. ARMY.

The game will be on Sookunpoo "A" ground at 4.00 p.m.

Referee: Mr. Matthews. Linesmen: Austen and Phillips.

Civilians:—Rodger (Club); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Britain (Police); J. Stewart (Club); and McElrie (Kowloon); Taylor (Kowloon); Forsyth (Club); Gosano (Recreio); Howard (Club) and Simpson (Police).

Army:—Stanton (R.A.); Cooper and Jordan (East Surreys); McGreavy (East Surreys); Sims (R.A.M.C.); and Bristow (East Surreys); Charlesworth, Mitchell; Hamerstone, Butler and Mackleworth (East Surreys).

On paper, the Army have a very strong team and is the same that defeated the Navy in a Charity game early in the month.

Their middle line is practically the strongest in the Colony at the moment and the Civilians forwards will do well to pass it. Having got the better of the middle line, the last line of defence should be easily overcome, for under pressure, neither Cooper nor Jordan is considered safe. The Army will also have the advantage forward, playing the whole line from the East Surreys.

Watson will not be out for the Civilians, his place being taken by Britain. Rocha, will not be out owing to an injury and Howard of the Club completes the forward line. With Wynne and Bishop, playing their usual game, the scoring should be low and a further meeting necessary to decide who shall meet the winners of the replay—Navy v. South China, in the final of the competition.

There are no senior league games to-day.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Windsor.

Club de Recreio v. East Surreys Drums, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Sleep.

Hongkong Club Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves, Hongkong Club ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.N.

Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

East Surreys Drums Reserves v. South China "C", Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Arnold.

St. Joseph's Reserves v. South China "B", South China ground. Referee: Mr. Melvor.

Kowloon "B" v. Moslem Club "B", Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Fernie.

Division II. "C."

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

University v. Moslem Club "A", Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

The match in the "A" Division between the East Surreys Res. and the R.A. which was to have been played at Happy Valley this afternoon has been postponed.

South China "A" meet St. Joseph's on the Garrison ground and the crowd expected at Sookunpoo to-day will be well catered for.

Kowloon Res. are visitors to the Club ground and on present form should win. The Recreio receive the East Surreys Drums at Kowloon and the visitors should return with the points.

The University return to the league after a fortnight's absence and the Students should win over the Moslem Club "A".

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CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Four league matches, two in each division, and four "friendlies," are to be played to-day:—

Division I.

Civil Service C.C. 1st XI. v. Kowloon 1st XI. on the C.S.C.C. ground. Craighower C.C. v. Chinese R.C. on the C.C.C. ground.

League II.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI. v. Royal Navy 2nd XI. on the I.R.C. ground. Police R.C. v. Royal Engineers on the P.R.C. ground.

Friendlies.

Hongkong C.C. "Outcasts" v. H.M.S. "Hawkeye" on the H.K.C.C. ground. University 1st XI. v. Royal Navy 1st XI. on the University ground.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI. v. Civil Service C.C. "A" on the K.C.C. ground.

Wayfoong v. Ewo, on the Chinese Recreation Club ground.

EWO v. WAYFOONG.

The following will represent Ewo in the above match, to be played on the C.R.C. ground to-day, at 2 p.m.:—D. G. M. Bernard, R. E. Macdonald, N. Eager, W. Cornaby, E. Stevenson, N. Ralston, A. Gordon, W. Galloway, F. Pollock, W. Smith and W. W. MacKenzie.

RUGBY.

TO-DAY'S PRACTICE GAME.

A practice rugby match will be played to-day between the H.K.F.C. (rugby section) and the Navy. In view of the interport match at Shanghai at the end of the month, interport selectors will watch the game.

BOWLS.

F.B.G.C. ANNUAL CLOSING BAY.

This afternoon the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold its closing day of the lawn bowls season.

Prizes won recently will be distributed.

SEA-BIRDS.

TO-MORROW'S YACHTING RACE.

To-morrow the yachts of the cruiser class will sail their annual race round the Island, the second of their series of championship races. The start is at 10.30, and the course is about 25 miles. At 9.45 a motor-boat will leave Murray Pier to take members to the Club-house.

Mr. H. S. Rouse, the sailing secretary of the R.H.K.Y.C. returned to the Colony this week from Home leave, and will sail his cruiser in the race.

BOXING.

COME GOOD FIGHTS FOR THE NEXT TOURNEY.

[BY CANTOYD.]

The H.K.B.A. have in prospect the staging of a big fight at their next tourney, which takes place on December 24th. Nothing has been fixed up yet, but the two boxers have been much talked about of late. If the fight comes off the Association may be assured of a good house.

A ten-round contest between Drummer Bowles and Naegelin, the French fly-weight, who arrived in the Colony on Thursday on the French cruiser, *Jules Michelet*, is also being mooted. The French boy has a very fine record, and Bowles, is a lad who can box and fight.

He seemed to have improved in his fight with Signalmen Rogers at the last tournament, and a fight between him and Naegelin should be well worth seeing.

Harry Major is also likely to have a return bout with A.B. Gardner. In the last contest he lost, over 6 rounds on points. He is now strictly training under the tutelage of Jim Cartledge, and I would not be surprised to see him win.

Gardner is, however, a little heavier, and he showed, particularly when he defeated Drummer Bowles on points, that he is a clever boxer.

The tournament promises to be an excellent one, though the night chosen is considered by many unwise for obvious reasons.

ROWING.

MR. E. B. C. HORNELL PRESENTS CUP FOR HONG RACE.

Mr. E. B. C. Hornell has offered to the R.H.K.Y.C. rowing committee a silver cup to be known as the Hornell Challenge Cup.

His offer has been accepted by the Yacht Club committee and Mr. Hornell has been thanked for his generous gift.

Rules to govern the trophy have been drawn up by the rowing committee. In short they are, that the cup will be rowed for annually under the auspices of the R.H.K.Y.C. under A.B.A. rules. Both crews and coxswains have to be borned by the Hong, competing and paraded need not necessarily be members of the Yacht Club.

For the purposes of the competition a Hong has been defined as any firm operating in Hongkong including the head office staff of any of their associated companies, or the bona fide members of any one Government Department.

The course is to be not less than a mile.

Rowing men generally will regret to hear that Dr. E. P. Minett has been obliged through pressure of work to relinquish his position as rowing captain at the R.H.K.Y.C. In his stead a very popular member in Mr. R. M. Jack has been elected.

THE SAI KUNG TRAGEDY.

ENQUIRY CONCERNING DEATH OF SERGT. A. H. BLACKMAN.

An enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Sergeant A. H. Blackman, who was found dead in his room at Sai Kung Police Station, New Territories, on the morning of December 3rd, under circumstances which pointed to his having shot himself, was opened by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, sitting as a Coroner, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

There was a jury present, comprising Messrs. E. G. N. Grimble (foreman), Carl Bunje and Garch Cheung.

Opening the enquiry, the Coroner said he thought the jury would have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that it was a case of suicide while of unsound mind.

Fu Teh Fang, a Northern dialect interpreter at Sai Kung Police Station, said that Sergeant Blackman took charge of that Station on November 8th this year and then appeared to be in good health.

On November 29th Sergeant Blackman told him that he was feeling unwell, but did not say he was worried. Between November 29th and December 2nd, deceased was taken ill. For a great part of the time he lay on his bed, but came down to the charge-room at times to carry out his duties. Deceased appeared to be very ill.

During the night of November 30th he spoke of going to hospital, but next day said that he felt better. On the night of December 2nd deceased was taken ill again. Witness saw deceased in the charge-room at 7 p.m. on December 2nd. Nothing was said by deceased. At 8 p.m. witness went to Sergeant Blackman and asked for the key of the room and asked for the key of the room and asked for the key of the room.

Witness told him that his head was aching. Witness touched Sergeant Blackman's head and cheek and found they were very hot. Witness asked him if he would go to hospital and Sergeant Blackman replied that he would see about it the next day.

During the night of the 2nd of December the wind blew considerably. Witness was not awakened during the night and did not hear a shot fired. The next morning, Sergeant Blackman's boy came and made a report to him and in consequence witness and those in the Station went up to Sergeant Blackman's room where they found him dead in bed, with a revolver in his right hand. There was much blood by his head. The body was not disturbed and a telephone message was sent to the A.S.P. at Tai Po.

It was part of deceased's duty to collect certain revenue from the distillery and on the night of December 2nd there were over \$300 in the safe at Sai Kung Station. Sergeant Blackman had not liked collecting this revenue for the Government and had remarked to witnesses that the collection of this money was not police work; but that the Revenue Officer should do it. Deceased was worried about this money. At this time deceased was the only European officer at the Station, but now there were two European officers there. Deceased had never asked for a doctor to be sent to Sai Kung.

Dr. E. E. Minett (Government bacteriologist and officer in charge of mortuaries) said that on December 4th he carried out an examination on Sergeant Blackman's body, which revealed the presence of a bullet hole on the right side of the head, charred at the edges. This showed that the bullet was fired at very close quarters. There was another hole on the left side of the head much about the same level. The bullet, in his opinion, entered the right side and came out of the left side. It traversed the base of the brain and fractured a portion of the base of the skull. The wound was consistent with deceased having shot himself while lying down. Death was due to this shot wound. Witness found, during his examination, fairly advanced tuberculosis in the upper lobe of each lung and there was a cavity in the left lung. He also had tuberculosis of the intestines and tuberculosis of the internal glands. All the other organs were healthy. The tubercular conditions were such as to cause high fever, and Sergeant Blackman must have been very ill for a long time before his death.

In reply to the Coroner, Dr. Minett said that if Sergeant Blackman had been examined within three months before his death his condition would have been discovered. The presence of a cavity detected old-standing tuberculosis.

In reply to Mr. W. G. Gerrard (A.S.P. New Territories), Dr. Minett said in view of the district, Sai Kung being noted for malaria, he made a special examination of Sergeant Blackman's body, but found no obvious signs of malaria.

In reply to the Coroner, who had previously asked whether deceased had not been in hospital during the last twelve months, Mr. Gerrard said he had made enquiries at the Tai Sha Tsui Police Station that afternoon and the records there did not show that Sergeant Blackman had been in hospital during the last twelve months. It was quite possible, however, that he had seen a medical man privately.

Detective-Sergeant Murphy said he knew Sergeant Blackman and on December 4th he identified the body at the Victoria Mortuary in the presence of Dr. Minett.

Hau Chung, Cantonese interpreter at Sai Kung, said he was transferred to Sai Kung on December 1st. He heard Sergeant Blackman tell his predecessor that he felt ill and intended to go to hospital. The next day Sergeant Blackman said he felt better and had decided not to go to hospital. Witness last saw Sergeant Blackman alive on the night of December 2nd in the charge-room and the next morning witness, with others, saw him lying dead and telephoned for Mr. Gerrard (A.S.P.) at Tai Po. Witness heard no shot fired during the night of December 2nd and was not disturbed. It was a windy night and his window was shut when they entered his room and found him dead.

(Continued on next column.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN MANILA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS".]

Sir,—Early in November you published a telegram from Manila saying that the Board of Medical Examiners had ruled that the practice of Christian Science was illegal.

It was not stated on what grounds that opinion was based and I suppose it was on the assumption that the practice of Christian Science was contrary to some Act regulating the practice of medicine. But I am told that it is not so.

In many of the States in the U.S.A. there are provisions in Acts such as referred to above exempting those who practice healing by means other than medicine and surgery from the requirements of the Acts and in some cases Christian Science is specifically mentioned. For instance, in North Dakota there is the following:—

"Nothing in this Act, however, shall be construed . . . to prohibit the practice of Christian Science or other religious tenets or religious rules or observances as a form of religious worship, devotion or healing, provided that the persons administering or making use of or assisting or prescribing such do not prescribe or administer drugs or medicines nor perform surgical or physical operations, nor assume the title of or hold themselves out to be physicians or surgeons."

In Massachusetts, "The provisions of the eight preceding sections shall not be held to discriminate against any particular school or system of medicine and . . . shall not apply to persons practicing . . . Christian Science."

Numerous other examples could be cited but the above will show that far from being regarded as illegal in the United States the practice of Christian Science is actually recognised in many of the States.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. M. BERNARD,
Committee on Publication.
Hongkong, December 10th, 1925.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The results of the Examinations of the Royal Drawing Society held in Hongkong in June have just arrived. The following candidates gained certificates:

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

DIVISION I.

Honours.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, U. Mitchell, L. Tolan, J. Suiter, J. Maycock, K. Chester, J. Sloan, L. Carr, M. Whitley, V. Levkovich, A. Taylor, A. Chester.

Pass.—K. Glendinning, T. Ingram, Y. Langley, H. Toffe, J. Gourlay, A. Kelly, J. Paterson, J. Whyte, R. Hammond, E. Lammert, M. Taylor, F. Wiltshire.

DIVISION 2.

Honours.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, H. Brown, E. Wiltshire, L. Williams, J. Maycock, J. Black, E. Kilburn, E. Stewart, G. Saunders, M. Whitley, L. Glendinning, A. Mitchell, K. Nightingale, U. Mitchell.

Pass.—S. Bander, C. Dixon, G. Fowler, G. MacClay, A. Blyth, D. Dransfield, A. Frost, P. Ponsford, G. Carr, L. Dunn, D. Kelly, J. Smith.

DIVISION 3.

Honours.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, H. Brown, E. Wiltshire, L. Williams, J. Maycock, J. Black, E. Kilburn, E. Stewart, G. Saunders, M. Whitley, L. Glendinning, A. Mitchell, K. Nightingale, U. Mitchell.

Pass.—S. Bander, C. Dixon, G. Fowler, G. MacClay, A. Blyth, D. Dransfield, A. Frost, P. Ponsford, G. Carr, L. Dunn, D. Kelly, J. Smith.

DIVISION 4.

Honours.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, J. Maycock, M. Weston, R. Wiltchell, W. Hirst, G. Arnold, E. Nicholls.

Pass.—F. Anslow, L. Huggett, A. Maycock, Y. Barker, J. Lyon, H. Williams, M. George, E. MacNider, P. Hunt, S. MacNider.

DIVISION 5.

Honours.—A. Bliss, A. Kerr, J. Hirst, M. Weston, J. Maycock, G. Arnold.

Pass.—I. Fothergill, R. Wiltchell, L. White, M. Whitley, S. Whitley.

DIVISION 6.

Honours.—J. Hirst, A. Kerr, J. Maycock, R. Wiltchell, G. Arnold.

Pass.—Boris Levkovich, Eric T. Moor, Patrick Young, Isabel Lammert, Robert Stout, Sarah L. Salmon, Margaret Adams, Sidney J. Rogers, George Fife, Ian McDonald, Black, David Whyte, Jean Pendicue, Patsy Parker, Olga Barle, William T. Allen.

Teang Fu, who had been Sergeant Blackman's cook-boy, said he last saw Sergeant Blackman alive at 7.15 p.m. on December 2nd. He prepared dinner that night for Sergeant Blackman, who when informed that it was ready said "No, wait, show."

Witness put the meal away and took some tea up to Sergeant Blackman's bedroom. Sergeant Blackman, who was in bed, said "All right," and witness left the tea there. That was the last time he saw his master alive. Deceased had appeared to be ill a few days before his death. On the morning of December 3rd witness took a cup of tea up to Sergeant Blackman at 7 o'clock. He received no answer to his knock at the door and on entering discovered Sergeant Blackman lying dead in bed, with blood all over the left side of his face.

At this juncture the Coroner adjourned the enquiry until next Thursday afternoon and requested Mr. Gerrard (A.S.P.) to ascertain whether Sergeant Blackman had been in hospital or had received medical attendance during the last twelve months.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]
PREPARING FOR THE END OF
THE BOYCOTT.

Probably in anticipation of a settlement of the boycott and strike in Canton and Hongkong, the Chinese steamship companies operating vessels between these ports are perfecting arrangements for the renewal of traffic. In addition to providing excursion trips for Hongkong representative Chinese business men to Canton, the Tung On Company has announced that they will carry all workers back from Canton to Hongkong free of charge on the occasion of the lifting of the boycott.

Wuchow is also anxiously looking for the ending of the strike, from which the residents there are suffering because of stoppage of Hongkong-Wuchow traffic and trade. Wuchow is paying \$3.50 for a sack of flour, 30 cents for a pound of refined sugar or 25 cents a catty of native sugar and \$7 to \$8 for a picul of rice, 35 cents a catty of groundnut oil, 45 to 50 cents a catty of meat. The prices of such foreign goods as kerosene oil and electric light globes, are soaring because of the shortage of imports due to the boycott.

THE TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

Despite the numerous military operations in Kwangtung during the last few years, during which many telegraph stations have been either damaged or totally destroyed, the latest reports show that there are still more than 90 offices in operation, although a number of them are in the hands of troop commanders. An effort is now being made to centralize the telegraph administration in the province, and the Canton Government has issued orders to the troops to this effect.

The Chungshan, or Dr. Sun Yat Sen public highway, from Tungshan, the eastern suburb of Canton City, to Chuchuen, a village near Whampoa, is now almost completed.

This new highway will be of historical interest in the future on account of the fact that all the work of construction has been done by Chinese strikers who left Hongkong for Canton last June soon after the Shanghai incident of May 30th.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

Since the conclusion of hostilities in Southern Kwangtung, reconstruction measures have begun in Yünnan and other districts under the auspices of the Kuomintang. It is stated that a public highway, 140 li in length, connecting Yünnan and Yünnan districts will be built, a ceremonial start with the project having been made on December 2nd by civil and military officials there. They expected to finish the work within six months. In addition to public improvements, steps have been taken to prevent the further spread of plague now prevalent in the district.

THE NEW Y.M.C.A.

WHAT THE MEMBERS INTEND TO DO.

At an informal gathering of members of the new Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon on Thursday night, the aims, objects and the work the Association intended to do on the Peninsula were outlined by Mr. J. H. Hunt, the Secretary.

They intended, he said, to form various committees. The Social Committee would be responsible for entertainments, indoor games and billiard tournaments, there would be a Library Committee to arrange for the supply of new books, and the Debating Club would be responsible for the organization of debates, lectures and mock trials.

The Camera Club would have the supervision of the dark room and arrange camera, outings and exhibitions, while a Sports Committee would be in charge of all outdoor sports. It was decided to pick the most suitable members to serve on the various committees by asking members to say which committees they were best able to serve on.

CHINA STATION APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on November 8th:—Lieut. Comdr. C. M. Butlin, D.S.C., to *Culliope*, for passage and duty (on commg), and to *Hawkins*, addl. (on commg); H. E. Hesman, to *Forster*; and F. S. Graham, to *Hollyhock* (December 1st).

The following appointment was made on November 7th:—Comdr. Engr. W. A. Lewis, appt. to *Hollyhock* and passage in *Yerburgh* cancelled.

The following appointments were made on November 6th:—Payr. Comdr. C. E. N. Lewis to *Vivid*, addl. (November 15th), and to *Hawkins*, addl. (December 1st), and as Fleet Asst. Officer on recommg. Payr. Lieut. V. R. Jordan to *Hawkins* (December 1st). Payr. Sub-Lieut. C. E. Rutherford, to *Hawkins* (December 1st). Payr. Mid. G. T. Millet, to *Hawkins* (December 1st).

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF "IOLANTHE."

When the Hongkong Philharmonic Society last year announced its intention to produce a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera—"Yeomen of the Guard"—the welcome accorded to the announcement was tempered by a presentiment that it would prove to be an over-ambitious enterprise; but when the time arrived for the public performance it was universally acknowledged that success beyond general expectation had been achieved. Some months later the Society presented "The Gondoliers," and, earned further laurels. It had been fortunate in finding in Mr. Weller, of H.M. Naval Yard, a most capable producer with experience in amateur theatricals and abundant enthusiasm, and in Mr. Stanley Collett, the musical director, the Society had the generous help of a gentleman no less keen and competent. The public appreciation which had been won by these two productions encouraged the Society to produce yet another of Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas, over popular though in the libretto a little out of date in parts. For "Iolanthe," however, a new producer had to be discovered. Mr. Weller, having left the Colony early in the year, on transfer to another Naval Station. The Society has been fortunate in finding an able successor to him in Mr. R. R. Davies. Mr. Stanley Collett's services as musical director were again available and musical critics, we think, will agree that the presentation of "Iolanthe" benefits in many respects by his experiences in the earlier productions.

In a community of this size, with a very limited range of musical talent, an endeavour to produce anything on the scale of an opera encounters difficulties such as no similar Society would have to face at home. A Carl Rosa standard is not, of course, to be expected, but we are confident that it will be ungrudgingly acknowledged by all who witness the performance of "Iolanthe" that a very gratifying level of success has been achieved, and that all concerned in its production are entitled to generous compliments.

The fantastical story of the opera is well known to most people. A short summary of it has appeared in these columns quite recently, and the story is told in greater detail in the interesting souvenir programme supplied without charge, to those who attend the performances. It is therefore unnecessary to give a résumé of it here.

The rôle of Iolanthe, once the idol of Fairyland, who had been banished for transgressing the law by marrying a mortal and is pardoned by the Queen five-and-twenty years later, in time to prevent the Lord Chancellor marrying his ward in chancery, who had fallen in love with Iolanthe's son Strephon, is taken by Mrs. Stanley Collett, while the part of Phyllis, the Arcadian Shepherdess and ward in chancery is taken by Mrs. A. M. Bowser-Smith, and that of the Queen of Fairyland by Mrs. Neil Mathieson. Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mrs. D. Punsheon and Miss V. M. Jefford are leaders among the fairies. Mr. A. J. Brock, who took a prominent part in the previous operas, appears in this as the Lord Chancellor. Mr. J. C. Lyle takes the part of Strephon, Mr. D. M. Bycroft and Mr. D. M. Richards are the representative Peers who are responsible for some excellent songs, and Mr. G. H. Pierce is Private Willis of the Grenadier Guards who does sentry duty in Palace Yard, Westminster and sings "When all night long a chap remains."

The vocal abilities of most of the principals are so well known to Hongkong audiences that their names are in themselves assurances that the musical numbers for which they are individually responsible are well rendered.

There was a very good house last night for the opening performance. The opera went exceedingly well and the house was most enthusiastic.

The general impression one carries away from the Theatre is that the Opera was very successfully staged; that the principals have good voices and act their parts very creditably; that the chorus work by about twenty-five Fairies is tuneful and pleasing; and last, but not least, that very good work is done by the orchestra of some twenty instruments.

The Chorus of Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts, Barons and Fairies, comprises Mesdames Cornaby, Hayward, Hooper, Horder, Keeton, Logan, Lyle, Mather, Morgan, Nicholson, Ost, Provan, Rowe, Starling, Misses Cole, McClay, Mow, Fung, Odell, Shaw, Stanley, Stubbings, Tullan, Willmott, Messrs. Baldwin, Banner, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bensley, Best, Burrows, Evans, Excell, Farquharson, Fountain, Harmon, Harvey, Jefford, Nicholson, Ost, Paterson, Provan, Salter, Sanders, Shephard, Sutherland, Thomas, Thomson, Westlake.

The Orchestra is composed of the following:—Violins: Mrs. H. Balaun, Miss E. I. Box, Miss J. Braga, Miss R. Judah, Mr. J. L. Alves, Mr. G. E. Long, year, Mr. C. A. P. Xavier; Viola: Mr. J. M. S. Rozario; Cello: Mr. P. N. U. Botelho; Double Bass: Mr. P. N. Sequeira; Pianist: Mrs. F. A. Griggs; Flute: Bandsman Briffit; Oboe: Musician Curd; Clarinet: Bandsman Donovan; Cornet: Bandsman Hannan; Horn: Bandsman Mackleworth; Trombone: Bandsman Johnson; Euphonium: Bandsman Wernham; Tympani: Bandsman Newell.

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MARRIED WOMEN'S AUTHORITY.

IMPORTANT SUMMARY COURT JUDGMENT.

DEFENDANT WINS IN LAMBERT-HIND CASE.

A husband must give express authority to his wife to contract for him, otherwise he is not liable for any debts which she may incur, because the authority of a married woman is a delegated and not an inherent authority, and marriage in itself gives her no authority to pledge her husband's credit.

These were some of the rulings by Mr. Justice Wood yesterday, when he gave judgment for Mr. W. B. Hind, the defendant in an action heard in the Summary Court on Tuesday, when Messrs. Lammet Bros. auctioneers, Duddell Street, sued him for payment of \$900, incurred by his wife in the purchase of goods on April 14th and June 5th, 1925.

Mr. Armstrong was for plaintiffs, and Mr. Hind defended himself.

His Lordship, giving judgment, said that the case raised the question of the right of a married woman to pledge her husband's credit. The goods purchased from the plaintiffs were pieces of household furniture, and the price for the total purchase was over \$600. On the printed list of conditions of sale at the two auctions, when the goods were secured, it was enjoined that cash must be paid before delivery. Nevertheless, the plaintiffs gave delivery on credit on both occasions. In fact, they gave delivery from the second auction before the debt incurred by the defendant's wife in connection with the first auction had been fully discharged. The defendant's wife had paid \$400 on account in two equal instalments, of which the first was paid by her own cheque, and was used by her in her residence, and which she proposed to let on her own account. Defendant and his wife were co-habiting at all material times. Their own residence was already fully furnished. The plaintiffs had sued defendant for the balance due on the contract made by his wife, which remained unpaid.

AUTHORITY QUOTED.

His Lordship, continuing, said that the law applicable to the case was stated by Mr. Justice MacCardie in "Miss Gray, Ltd. v. Earl Cathcart," 1922. Extracts from the judgment were quoted by his Lordship. It was laid down, that a person who dealt with a married woman on credit, did so, so far as regarded his remedy against her husband, at his own risk. It further declared that the authority of a married woman was a delegated and not an inherent authority, and that marriage in itself gives a wife no authority to pledge her husband's credit. A husband must give express authority to his wife to contract for him.

In the dispute between these parties, no question had arisen of express authority by estoppel. The plaintiffs, therefore, in order to succeed in their action would have to rely on the presumptive authority, arising from co-habitation, in the wife to pledge her husband's credit for necessities.

His Lordship was satisfied that the plaintiffs had proved that the defendant and not his wife was a principal of the plaintiff firm (Mr. Lionel Lammet) had so stated in evidence, and he accepted that statement. In spite of the fact that defendant had not deemed it advisable to contest the question whether the goods supplied to his wife were necessities, he (His Lordship) felt bound to say that, having regard to all the circumstances, he could not believe that the plaintiffs had at all times throughout the transactions resorted to the required use in the domestic establishment of defendant and his wife. For that reason, as well as for other reasons, the plaintiffs could not succeed.

Having accepted the onus of disproving the presumptive authority in his wife to contract on his behalf, the defendant had successfully rebutted the presumption, by showing that his wife was already supplied with sufficient furniture in their residence. On that ground also, the plaintiffs' case must fail.

In conclusion, Mr. Justice Wood, said that he wished to add a supplementary comment on a point which did not appear to have been raised by the case decided by Mr. Justice MacCardie to which he had referred. The fact that the plaintiffs who were public auctioneers announced in their printed conditions of sale "Cash before delivery," seemed to him to estop them from setting up any presumptive authority in the married woman who may be a successful bidder in a public auction, to pledge her husband's credit. He, therefore, gave judgment for defendant.

Mr. R. R. Davies is the stage manager and producer; the stage lighting is done by Messrs. Derrick & Collier, and Mr. Neil Mathieson discharges the duties of property master. The onerous duties of secretary are performed by Mr. J. S. Gillingham who is assisted by Mr. J. W. Jefford.

The opera is being repeated to-night and five further performances are announced for next week including a matinee on Wednesday. It affords a most enjoyable evening's entertainment and we cannot doubt that the public patronage accorded to the production of "Iolanthe" will not fall short of that which was given to the two previous operas produced by the Philharmonic Society. It certainly deserves such a tribute of appreciation.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

LAST SUNDAY'S FETE REALIZES \$23,000.

The gross receipts of the Rose Day and the Bazaar are expected to amount to about \$23,000.00.

The Committee desire to convey their thanks to all who assisted in making the Bazaar as successful as could be expected considering the prevailing conditions and difficult times; to the many generous contributors to the general fund of the Fête, to the ladies and various stores and firms who sent souvenirs and prizes for the various stalls—Col. Montague Bates and Officers for the Band of the "East Surreys"—the Rev. Fathers of the Italian Mission for the use of the Cathedral compound, the Hongkong Electric Light Co. for illumination, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department for the Christmas Trees, the Public Works Department for the loan of flags, the Hongkong Tramway Co., the Peak Tramway Co. and the Star Ferry Co. for advertising facilities; the Orient Tobacco Co., the British American Tobacco Co., Messrs. Nanyang Brothers and Messrs. Liggett, Meyers & Co. for cigars and cigarettes; China Sugar Co. and Taikeo Sugar Co. for sugar; Café Wiseman for running the Tea Room and Refreshment Hall; the Dairy Farm Co. for the various prizes for the Guessing Competition and for running the Farm Yard; Mr. U. Rumbold for use of the drum for the Motor Car Draw, the Police Department for excellent police arrangements; Fire Brigade; Comptroller Department of Hongkong Shanghai Bank for the loan of shroffs for the Bazaar Bank, and for arranging for the conveyance of the takings to the Bank after the Fête; Hongkong Boy Scouts (1st Troop) for the good services rendered and all others not here mentioned who contributed in any way towards the success of the Fête and to Messrs. Xavier Bros. for procuring the European toys without commission; the Chinese C. Y. M. S. for the valuable co-operation and the Press for their courtesy and help.

FURTHER DONATIONS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has received the following additional gifts to the funds of the Fête: Com. Carrara \$80; St. Joseph's (additional) \$20; Madame de Courthial \$10; Mr. R. B. Cooper one new gentleman's bicycle and one decorated Christmas Tree.

Results of raffles at the Chinese Stalls were as follows:—

Mandolin won by ticket No. 12 F. Brito.

Guitar won by ticket No. 1 Chang Hing Yui.

Violin won by ticket No. 38 C. Young.

SEQUEL TO DISAPPEARANCE.

RICE SHOP MANAGER CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

A charge of stealing money entrusted to his care by the firm in which he was employed, was preferred against the Chinese manager of a rice shop, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The man, Tee Hing, was charged with the larceny of \$370 from the Tung Cheung Lung shop, No. 87, Battery Street. Mr. D. McCallum prosecuted, and Mr. L. G. Turner appeared for the defendant.

Mr. McCallum, in outlining his case, said that complainant, So Kam Chu, was the sole proprietor of the shop, but the majority of the business was carried on by his wife. Defendant was employed as manager, and was entitled to a "red" share, which, as described in Ordinance 33 of 1911, entitled him to a share in the profits, but gave him no rights as regards the assets of the firm. He had been in the firm's employ for about three years.

On the 25th of last month defendant was given \$370 by the complainant, out of which he was to pay \$100 to the Wong Cheung rice firm, and with the remainder he was to purchase rice.

On receiving the money defendant disappeared, and was not seen again until two days later. Then defendant returned to the shop, and complainant who happened to be in the street followed him. Defendant attempted to take away the account book, but complainant had him arrested.

Two shop *fokis* gave evidence to the effect that they saw the money handed over to the defendant.

His Worship adjourned the case.

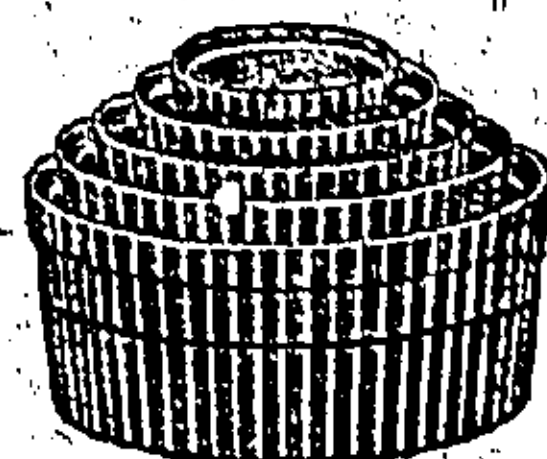
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THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th to the 23rd DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2981]

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2982]

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2983]

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1925. [2984]

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T. T. LAURENSEN,
W. J. STOKES,
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Hongkong, 5th December, 1925. [2983]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 12TH, 1925.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

LITTLE has been published in the Chinese Press of late that is complimentary to Great Britain or any other Foreign Power, but we may hope that some at least of the vernacular papers have not entirely ignored the extremely friendly references to China which the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs made in the speech which he delivered a month ago at the Lord Mayor's annual banquet in London. This has always been recognised as an occasion for a speech by the Prime Minister or other prominent member of the Government surveying the whole field of the country's relations with Foreign Powers and indicating the broad lines of the Government's policy. The allusion Mr. CHAMBERLAIN made to China on that occasion was summarised in a Reuter cable at the time, but the full text of the speech is now to hand and we make no excuse for giving the reference to China textually, for the speaker's own words add much to the forcefulness and sincerity of his friendly gesture. After reviewing the politics of Europe leading to the Locarno Pact, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN said:

"Before sitting down I would turn my eyes for a moment further afield, and express the hope that the same spirit of mutual understanding and mutual good will which prevailed among the Powers represented at Locarno, may prevail among the Powers represented now in a conference in the Far East, where the Treaty Powers are meeting the representatives of China; and that from that conference also may spring a new fellowship between East and West, a new understanding in which all feuds may be forgotten, together for the greatness of China, for the peacefulness and prosperity of our relations with China, and for the establishment of peace as firmly in the East as I hope we are in course of establishing it in the West."

It will be recognised that no words more aptly express the sentiments of those who are working both in Canton and Hongkong for an improvement in the relations recently existing between these two important commercial centres. Among all right-thinking men there is a sincere desire for "a new understanding in which all feuds may be forgotten, all friendships remembered" to the end that we may work together for the greatness of China, and we can but trust that these hopes will be speedily realised.

THE POLLUTION OF THE SEA

Even in this part of the world complaints are heard from time to time about the pollution of the sea, and the bathing beaches through the use of oil as fuel in ships. On the coast of Great Britain the nuisance has long since been acute. A Board of Trade Committee that sat recently collected a great deal of striking evidence from the coasts of the serious effects of pouring oil upon the waters. A large number of gulls and other seabirds are killed or injured. Once a gull becomes entangled in the oil floating on the surface it becomes unable to fly and may starve to death. The destruction of gulls is a serious thing for the fishermen, because a collection of gulls over the sea serves as a guide to the shoals of fish. This evil is said to be specially prevalent round the Isle of Wight. As the law stands oil may not be discharged within three miles of the shore. Consequently ships empty their bilges at a safe distance from ports. This provision has improved the state of things at many coastal places, but rough weather and wind tend to drive the oil ashore. There is a strong demand from the local authorities for a strengthening of the law, and an International Commission has been set up to go into the matter. It is possible, says a writer on the subject in a Home paper, that the result will be international legislation to force all shipowners to use appliances to prevent the discharge of oil. The Board of Trade Committee suggested that the real resolution lies in fitting separators to all vessels using oil. At present a great deal of inventive ingenuity is being applied to the improvement of separators in view of the prospect of their use being compulsory in ships, and in this connection it is stated that Dr. H. S. HILL-SHAW, the eminent engineer, has invented a new apparatus which is described as in effect a new practical application of his well-known discoveries into what is known as a streamline of water, which has already had an important effect on the designing of ships for speed. A large part of the oil is separated in preliminary settling chambers. The next stage is a new tubular separator. The water leaving these tubes is free from all the most minute oil particles, and the last traces are removed by a special kind of filter which is claimed to be easily cleaned and does not need renewal. The claim is made that the use of an efficient separator will mean a great saving to shipowners. Instead of pouring enormous quantities of oil into the sea they will, if what is claimed for these inventions is true, be able to recover the oil and use it again!

There is to be a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday afternoon.

Light-Colonel F. S. Montague-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lieut-Colonel F. G. Fitzgerald, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., have been granted leave on private affairs.

Mr. S. Baker (Chief Engineer of the China Sugar Refining Co.), and Mrs. Baker and Miss Baker returned to the Colony from Home yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia*.

The ship's company of H.M.S. *Ambrose* held an enjoyable "Cinderella" dance in the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre last night, which was suitably decorated for the occasion. The *Titanic's* syncopated orchestra furnished the music.

A *Havas Agency* cable states that President Doumergue, received Mr. Lou Yoh, chief of the Chinese "mission to study finances." Mr. Lou was presented to the French President by Mr. Tchen Loh, Chinese Minister to Paris.

The Municipal Election at Macao has resulted in the return of the following: Damiao Rodrigues (291 votes), Luis G. Nolaseco da Silva (279), Pedro José Lobo (278), Jono Jacques de Lima Gracias (272), Domingos Pires de Azevedo (250).

Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, wife of the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, held an "At Home" at the Vicarage yesterday afternoon, when she entertained the President and Secretary (Mrs. C. R. Duppuy and Mrs. M. J. Noll) and other members of the Mothers' Union.

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday, a Chinese who was sued by an Indian for \$150, said that the money had been borrowed by two other men for whom he stood guarantee, and no money had been paid to him. Plaintiff said that defendant borrowed the money himself. An order for payment was made.

CHRISTMAS MAIL.

FIRST BATCH ARRIVES FROM HOME.

The first batch of the Christmas mail from Home arrived by the P. and O. s.s. *Macedonia* yesterday.

Letters and papers, posted in London up to November 12th, were landed in 338 bags, 193 bags of which were for Hongkong. Of the latter number, 118 bags contained letters and papers from the United Kingdom.

The parcel mail from Home was contained in 234 bags, which contained a total of 1,317 parcels, 269 of which were insured packages. These were posted in London up to November 5th.

Other mails from London, by three different routes are due to arrive a few days before Christmas, these having been despatched on November 17th via Suez, November 18th via the U.S.A. and November 27th via Siberia.

The Post Office staff started an exceptionally busy day with the *Macedonia* mail, and in dealing with the 400 bags which arrived late yesterday afternoon by the s.s. *Taima*, a portion of which had to be transhipped by the s.s. *Antenor* for Shanghai this morning. In addition they had to close mails for the Straits and Hongkong, while there was an outgoing mail yesterday afternoon for the U.S.A. and Europe. To-day's shipments include a mail via Siberia and that for Europe by the s.s. *Morna*.

OBITUARY.

MR. PAUL KREMER.

News reached the Colony yesterday which it is scarcely necessary to say was received among a large circle of friends with the deepest regret, that Mr. Paul Kremer, formerly the French Consul in Hongkong, had died at Hankow, where he had been Consul in charge of French interests since March last.

The late Mr. Kremer, who was 49 years of age, had spent the greater part of his official career in Hongkong. He was attached to the Consulate in Hongkong in 1890, and served almost continually here as *attaché* until 1920, when he was transferred to Shanghai. He returned to Hongkong in March 1922 as Vice-Consul. Towards the end of 1923 he went home to France on leave, and early in the present year he passed on to take charge of the Consulate there. While on the way out he received news that he had been made a Chevalier du Legion d'Honneur.

Mr. Paul Kremer at one time was prominent on the local turf as an owner of ponies and a very keen rider.

He leaves a widow and four young children. Madame Kremer, during her comparatively short residence in Hongkong, shared her husband's popularity and she has the heartfelt sympathy of a large number of friends here in her bereavement.

Stanley Davis entitled "Marigold."

KOWLOON UNION CHURCH.

SATISFACTORY YEAR REPORT AT ANNUAL MEETING.

A second year of marked progress and prosperity was reported at the annual meeting of the Union Church, Kowloon, which took place last night, under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.

The Secretary, Mr. D. J. Purvis, presented the Committee's annual report, and, after speaking of the various improvements made to the Church inside and out, said: The organ had required and received continual attention. It had proved sufficient for their present needs. The loss of Mrs. Ong, as organist, left them in difficulty for some considerable time, and thanks were due to many persons who rendered temporary help. At last Mr. Andrews accepted the post and for three months had filled it faithfully. At the beginning of the Church year the Choir enjoyed the enthusiastic and able leadership of Captain Davies and kept well together. They brightened the Christmas Services with a number of special carols and were preparing some anthems but unexpectedly lost their leader through his transfer to England. An effort was being made to rally a good choir with Mr. Fleming as choir-master.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

In the New Year the Minister gave a party to the children connected with the Church and was himself responsible for the outlay. A social Sub-Committee was appointed in January and a successful gathering took place in March, at which the opportunity was taken of making a presentation to Mrs. Grag. During the summer, weekly bathing picnics were held and were proving very popular when unfortunately, the outbreak of the strike brought them to an untimely end. One Saturday launch excursion to Island Bay was carried out before the strike. A second social gathering took place in the Church in November. On this occasion tickets were sold which realised \$60.50 and an auction of cakes \$25.35 making a total of \$85.85 towards a crockery fund to which there has been added \$49.50, being the balance from the Bathing.

The Committee would like to thank the gentlemen who acted as ushers for their work, which has been much appreciated.

FINANCE.

The aim of the committee had been to establish the finances of the congregation on a sound basis with a view to making the Church self-supporting as soon as possible. The Committee warmly thanked the members for the generous way in which they had supported their efforts. The collections had been most liberal. The special thanks offering of the Church anniversary of the opening of the Church abundantly made up for the leanness of the months of the strike. The response to the appeal for subscribers had been very satisfactory indeed, and they trust that the good beginning which had been made would be followed up heartily and the list greatly enlarged during the coming year.

Their estimates for the year were very correct on the whole and the subsidy of \$100 per month from the Mother Church which was asked for had proved adequate and enabled them to submit a statement of accounts showing an increased balance-in-hand of \$731.75.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston then spoke of the good work that was being done in the Sunday School, and said in that direction they were going on from strength to strength. They had to thank Miss Hyde, Mr. Clelland, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Geldert, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. White, and Miss Wilson for their work in the School. When the last report was made there were 25 on the roll, but this had increased to 47, which was very satisfactory indeed.

During the year there had been at the Church five marriages, eight baptisms, and 100 communicants had gone through the hands.

Mr. Geldert proposed and Mr. J. Garraway seconded the adoption of the report, and this was carried unanimously.

THE NEW COMMITTEE.

The following committee was then appointed:—Messrs. J. A. Craig, D. Davies, Dick, D. F. Warren, D. M. Neilson, Miss Farrell, Messrs. Armit, D. J. Cameron, W. McFarlane, D. F. Warren, E. C. Tregillus, J. Smyth, D. J. Purvis.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald then congratulated the Committee and the congregation on the good work that they were doing. At one time he was told that it would be a mistake to start a church in Kowloon, but he thought it became more evident as the months went by that a church of this kind was greatly needed in Kowloon. He had never had the slightest doubt in his own mind, but he thanked God that he recognised the confirmation of their judgment in this matter.

It was a rare growth of the work of the church. It was rarely one saw a bank interest on the balance sheet of a congregation presented for the second time. This spoke for itself and he felt glad and cheered about the prosperity of the church here. He then presented to the church a handsome pulpit bible.

Mr. Johnston, on behalf of the Church, suitably expressed their thanks for the gift.

A musical programme was then given.

CABLES

[LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RELEASED.

WALSH AND JOHANNSEN SET
AT LIBERTY.

SYDNEY, December 11th.

The High Court has ordered the release of Mr. Walsh and Mr. Johannsen, the seamen's leaders. Their deportation was ordered by the Federal Government, on November 20th, in consequence of the prominent part they took in the strike of seamen.

REASON FOR DECISION.

It is believed that the High Court's decision, which was unanimous and awarded costs to the applicants, is based on the view that the section of the Immigration Act, under which deportation proceedings were conducted, is *ultra vires* as being contrary to the Australian Constitution Act.

The application was under a *Habeas Corpus* writ, but the Chief Justice said the latter was unnecessary.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Johannsen intend to sue the Commonwealth Government for heavy damages and wrongful imprisonment.

The costs in the case are estimated at £12,000.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR HOPES FOR
DEBT SETTLEMENT.

PARIS, December 11th.

In an interview, the Soviet Ambassador, M. Rakovski, declared that Mr. Chicherin, on arriving from his stay in the Riviera, will again visit M. Briand and remain in Paris somewhat longer than on the former occasion.

M. Rakovski hopes to reach an agreement over the settlement of the Russian debt to France.

[EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INDIAN CURRENCY.

COMMISSION HEARS OF SUPPORT
OF GOLD STANDARD.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Bombay correspondent states that the Indian Currency Commission is hearing a great deal of evidence in support of the gold standard and a gold currency for India. The Chamber of Commerce is among those advocating the adoption of the Gold Standard and eminent professors say that India's greatest economic need to-day is capital. With the introduction of the gold standard they would propose that a gold coin similar to the sovereign, called "Mohar" be minted immediately. They suggest a ratio of fifteen rupees to the Mohar.

THE IRISH AGREEMENT.

DAIL PASS THE SECOND
READING OF BILL.

LONDON, December 10th.

The Dail has passed the second reading of the Irish Agreement Bill by 71 to 20.

A PASSIONATE SPEECH.

During a debate in the Dail, President Cosgrave, in the course of a passionate speech, said he understood from Mr. Stanley Baldwin that the Commission's award would have given the Free State 200 square miles and 20,000 people and have taken from them a considerable part of Donegal.

The final stages of the Bill will be taken on Tuesday.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

TRADE UNION DISCUSSION IS
AGAIN SUGGESTED.

BERLIN, December 10th.

The conference of British and Russian trade union delegates of the self-styled Anglo-Russian unity committee, have unanimously passed a resolution regretting the rejection by the Council of the International Federation of Trade Unions of the recent proposal for an unconditional conference with the All-Russian Council of Trade Unions.

They express the opinion that the general council of the British Trade Union Congress should convene a conference as provided for in the declaration of the British-Russian Trade Union conference in London on April 8th.

VICKERS RECONSTRUCTED.

STOCK EXCHANGE DEALINGS
SHOW APPROVAL OF SCHEME.

LONDON, December 10th.

In reaching the decision to reconstruct the company, as reported yesterday, Messrs. Vickers' directors had the advice of Mr. F. Dudley Docker, a director of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, Mr. Reginald McKenna, and Sir William Pender, whose recommendations include, besides a reconstituted directorate, the establishment of three management boards, one of which will control the industrial section of the business and its subsidiary undertakings, another will control the armaments and shipbuilding side, and the third be a finance board.

These advisers consider the causes of the situation of Vickers to be the general trade depression, depreciation of foreign exchanges, and reduced earning capacity of the company's works, which is attributable to a world reduction of armament expenditure and the home production of armaments by foreign countries, as well as the decline of shipbuilding, foreign competition in the world markets, financial stringency, and political unrest in Europe, which has restricted the giving of credit and retarded schemes of development.

The advisers add that in carrying out a post-war sound policy and changing from swords to ploughshares, the management lacked the special experience required to direct a large and varied industrial undertaking. The advisers, at the request of the Board, have agreed to act in a consultative capacity until the three management boards are working.

The newspapers congratulate Vickers on their bold reconstruction step, which must sooner or later be imitated by other industrial companies if they wish to recover even a modest degree of their past prosperity. They point out that the present market value of Vickers ordinary shares corresponds very closely with the value which it is now suggested should be placed thereon; therefore little effect will be produced on the market.

STOCK EXCHANGE APPROVAL.

The Stock Exchange approval of Vickers' reconstruction is shown in today's dealings in the ordinary shares, now cut from a pound nominal value to 6/8. They rose this afternoon to a 7/8 improvement.

THE MOSUL REPORT.

TURKS CHALLENGE FINDINGS OF
GENERAL LAIDONER.

GENEVA, December 10th.

The Turkish delegation has made a statement in reply to General Laidoner's report.

It points out that the Nestorian Christians have always been hostile towards Turkey, and when pursued after committing a crime escape south of the Brussels line, abandoning their belongings. It also draws attention to the large numbers of Moslem refugees from the contested territory whose villages it is contended were destroyed by aerial bombardments and who are now living north of the Brussels line. It suggests that there be a fresh enquiry, with the assistance of assessors appointed by both parties, as General Laidoner obtained his information from only one source.

Tewfik Rashedi Bey, the head of the Turkish delegation, is leaving for Ankara in a day or two, leaving Munir Bey, the Turkish Minister at Bern, to attend the League Council when questions with regard to the Greco-Turkish exchange of populations will be discussed.

CRUMBS OF COMFORT.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL ON
COAL SUBSIDY.

LONDON, December 10th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill gave a few crumbs of comfort when speaking on the supplementary estimates of nine millions for the coal subsidy, which was agreed upon without a division.

He recalled the Government decision to postpone the crisis of last July, due to the possibility of a trade revival, which he thought was then visible. He declared that while the coal output had been steadily increasing, it was hopeless to expect that the gap between export prices and the cost of production would disappear. He emphasised that the mining interest cannot be allowed to become indefinitely a pensioner upon other industries, and hoped that all the parties in industry would make an effort to regain their old, independent position.

He mentioned that last week's output was five million tons, the highest since May. He anticipated that the total subvention for nine months would be approximately twenty-one millions. The subvention had not led to an appreciable reopening of the pits.

RUGBY AT HOME.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S EASY
WIN OVER OXFORD.

LONDON, December 10th.

Playing at Twickenham in brilliant sunshine and before a large crowd, Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual rugby match by 33 points to three. The ground was on the soft side.

The game was tremendously fast, with Cambridge superior in all departments. Oxford seldom got far beyond mid-field and Turnbull, the Cantab's full back, kicked soundly when under any pressure. After play had been in progress for a quarter of an hour, Francis dribbled down cleverly enabling Arnold to score a try, which C. Barlow converted. At the end of half-an-hour, Turnbull, Cambridge's full-back, fielded a long kick and did not return it but ran almost to Oxford's twenty-five line where he gave a capital pass to Devitt, who scored an unconverted try. Nearing the interval Oxford had more of the game but their handling was never good. Turnbull tricked some opponents and then sprinted and gave to Gibson. Devitt gathered well from the last named and scored a try, which C. Barlow converted. At half-time, Cambridge thus, led by 13 points to nil.

THE SECOND HALF.

On the opening of the second half, Cambridge were playing most confidently. Ten minutes after the resumption Francis, dodging cleverly, kicked across to Tucker, who scored by try, C. Barlow converting. Shortly afterwards Tucker dribbled through and passed to Bishop who gathered, "sold a dummy," and then scored the fifth try. On this occasion, C. Barlow missed with an easy kick.

Drysdale, Oxford's full back, gathered and ran up the field and made an opening for McKintosh, but the latter was forced into touch. Then came an extraordinary try by Francis who "sold the dummy" first to Richardson in mid-field and also to Drysdale later, going on to score an unconverted try. Gibson scored Cambridge's next try.

Just after that Wallace, Oxford's right inside, gave the ball to McKintosh, who ran hard and scored Oxford's only try. In the last minutes, C. Barlow and Devitt both scored unconverted tries for Cambridge. The final result was 33 points to three.

THE COST OF WEMBLEY.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE
PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, December 10th.

The House of Commons has agreed to the motion on a Supplementary Estimate of £1,100,000 for the Government's share of the Wembley exhibition guarantee.

Mr. A. M. Samuel said that the expected call was nearly five shillings in the £ in addition to the fifteen shillings already made. He pointed out that the profit of £1,107,000 on running was absorbed by capital expenditure.

Mr. Thomas said that every Dominion and Colony to which he had written inviting an opinion on the value of the exhibition had replied they were well satisfied with the expenditure they had incurred.

Mr. Runciman paid tribute to the Dominions' efforts in displaying an amazing exhibition of the Empire's wealth, beauty and industry.

LADIES' FASHIONS.

AFFECT SALE OF COTTON SAYS
COATS' CHAIRMAN.

LONDON, December 10th.

The change in the fashion of ladies' dress and the curtailment of home sewing was mentioned by the Chairman at Messrs. J. P. Coats' annual meeting as being the cause of affecting the sales of cotton thread.

The meeting adopted a report recommending a distribution equal to 1 1/2 per cent. dividend.

The Chairman denied a report that the war contingency reserve of £3,000,000 might be used for the payment of a bonus and declared that the reserve was being held intact. The majority of it had been earmarked against the loss in Russia alone.

OBITUARY.

DUKE OF MONTROSE.

LONDON, December 10th.

The death is announced of the Duke of Montrose, K.T., A.D.C.

[Douglas Balfour Malise Ronald Graham, the fifth Duke of Montrose, an A.D.C. to H.M. the King, was born in 1852, the third son, succeeding his father in the dukedom in 1874. Educated at Eton, he joined the Coldstream Guards in 1872, afterwards transferring to the 5th Lancers; and later was Colonel commanding the 3rd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He saw active service in South Africa (medal and two clasps). Among the honours earned by the late Duke was that of Hereditary Sheriff of Dumfriesshire. The family estates comprise about 115,000 acres. The Duke married a daughter of Sir Frederick Graham, Bart. of Netherby, Cumberland, in 1876, and had three sons by the marriage.]

PIRACY NEAR COCHIN.

AMAZING REPORT BROUGHT BY
GERMAN STEAMER.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Bombay correspondent says that the German steamer *Nordmark* has arrived at Colombo and reports an amazing case of piracy.

The Captain states that when four hours out of Cochin, he saw two vessels, one of which appeared to be frantically in distress and signalling. The other sped off when he approached. The crew of the first vessel stated that they had been attacked by pirates and were terrified. They anxiously sought safe escort to Cochin.

The German crew say that the pirate vessel was a smart craft of British design.

[Cochin is a port in Malabar District, situated at the South of principal navigable entrance to the great lagoon of Travancore.]

LATEST CABLES

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION.
REPLICA OF TAJ MAHAL TO BE
ERECTED.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11th.

A contract has been signed between representatives of the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association and private business interests in British India, for the reproduction to the Taj Mahal at the Centennial Exhibition in 1923.

It will be used to house exhibits from India.

MISS HELEN WILLS.

TO PLAY TENNIS NEXT YEAR
IN EUROPE.

BERKELEY, Cal., December 11th.

Miss Helen Wills, the well-known tennis player, is leaving for France early in January.

She will take part in tournaments at Nice and Cannes and elsewhere on the Riviera.

Subsequently she will leave for England and play in the championships at Wimbledon.

EARLIER CABLES.

MINING DISASTER IN U.S.
FATAL EXPLOSION OF GAS
IN ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 10th.

Between 20 and 30 miners have been killed, and many others have been seriously injured, by a gas explosion in one of the mines of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company. Many of the employees are negroes.

ONLY FIFTEEN ESCAPE.

LATER.

Sixty-one miners were killed and five seriously injured as the result of the mine explosion yesterday, which was due to gas. Only fifteen miners escaped.

AMERICAN FINANCES.

MR. ANDREW MELLON ON THE
BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

WASHINGTON, December 10th.

The foreign debts hitherto funded total 7,390 million dollars, and 4,743 millions remain unfunded. The majority of this latter amount is the French debt.

This is revealed by Mr. Mellon in his annual report, dealing on the bright economic outlook. It is asserted that the past year has been a period of genuine prosperity in practically all classes.

The present business situation warrants optimism for the future.

It is pointed out that though the tendency has existed among the consuming public to buy every conceivable commodity on a time mortgage of their future earnings, businessmen are now conducting their affairs cautiously in order that prosperity shall not bring carelessness. It is emphasized that the intention is to pursue a policy of economy and repayment of debt. The recommended tax reduction, however, should not be excessive.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report, at 5.30 p.m. yesterday: The anti-cyclone has moved eastward and weakened. A moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds; moderate, fair.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SITUATION IN NORTH CHINA.
REPORTS THAT JAPAN IS FULLY
PREPARED.

TOKYO, December 11th.

Press reports, stating that troop transports are collecting at Kurume, are neither confirmed nor denied by the War Office. It is understood, however, that preparations are being made to dispatch reinforcements to Manchuria if necessary.

RAIL AND ROAD CUT.

TIENTSIN, December 11th.

General Li Ching Lin is himself at Machang, where he has driven off the initial attack of the Honanese. The railways are cut on all sides of Tientsin. The motor road to Peking is also cut in several places.

British guards have been sent up the line and also towards Tongshan. The Tientsin stations are swarming with troops.

TARIFF CONFERENCE.

IMPORTANT PROPOSALS WITH
REGARD TO DUTIES.

REVISION OF CUSTOMS SCHEDULE.

PEKING, December 11th.

Important proposals, for considerably extending the scope of the Tariff Conference discussions, were placed before the committee at 2 o'clock this morning by the Chinese delegates.

Presenting the Chinese proposals concerning the revision of the Customs schedule duties on imports, Mr. Tsai Ting Kan suggested that inasmuch as the Conference had unanimously recognised China's right to tariff autonomy, and provided for it to be enforced by January 1st, 1928, it went without saying that from that date the valuation of commodities would be done according to the laws promulgated by the Chinese Government instead of as a result of the International Agreement as heretofore.

The Chinese Government, however, will for the purpose of the interim period, in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference, lay before the present Conference draft regulations relating to Tariff revision and request the representatives of the Powers interested to give them careful consideration.

After discussion, it was decided to postpone consideration to a later meeting in order to enable the experts to examine the proposal. Dr. C. T. Wang then read two further declarations, the first of which concerned the levying of duties and taxes on foreigners residing in China. It refers to the difficulties experienced by the Chinese Government in collecting national taxes from foreigners, also from Chinese residing in the settlements and in the railway zones. It mentions that as soon as *likin* is abolished, the Government will be compelled to devise new and reasonable taxes in substitution for the old.

The declaration concludes: "Consequently the Chinese Government declares that foreigners in China, whether residing within or outside the settlements or within railway zones as well as other localities shall discharge equally with the Chinese their fiscal obligations according to the laws promulgated by China. It is hoped that the plenipotentiary delegates of the Powers will appreciate the reasonableness of this declaration."

OFFER WELL RECEIVED.

The second declaration, which was received with general satisfaction by the Foreign delegates as constituting the first step towards the abolition of *likin*, stated that the Chinese Government is prepared, three months after the close of the Conference, to relinquish the right to levy the existing export duty on native goods, not destined for exportation abroad, and also the coast trade duty.

Hereafter the export duty will not be levied on native goods shipped from one Chinese port to another. In order, however, to prevent such goods being fraudulently shipped to foreign ports, the exporters will be required to pay regular export duty at the first port and secure a drawback certificate, on the production of which the amount paid will be refunded upon the re-importation of the goods into the second port, it being understood that this arrangement does not apply to native goods exempt from export duty.

THE SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

COMMISSION'S REPORT EXPECTED
SHORTLY.

SHANGHAI, December 11th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent learns that negotiations between London, Washington and Tokyo in regard to the disciplinary measures to be taken, owing to the findings of the Judicial Commission of Enquiry into the Shanghai incidents of last May, have resulted in something like agreement. The publication of the three materially different reports is to be expected at any moment.

MR. CHAO HSIN CHU.

REVIEWS PRESENT CONDITIONS
IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 10th.

A farewell social evening was given by the Chinese Students Christian Union in Britain to Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, acting Minister of the Court of St. James. Mr. Chu lengthily reviewed the political and financial conditions in China.

He emphasised China's intention to pay her foreign creditors to the last farthing when it had tariff autonomy. He expressed the opinion that when China had a stable Government as a result of financial reforms, foreign trade could easily be assessed at a hundred per cent. more than at present.

COMMISSION ON OPTUM.

TO CHOOSE SUCCESSOR TO LATE
SIR JOHN JORDAN.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Morning Post* correspondent at Geneva learns authoritatively that the new Optum Advisory Commission of the League will include the ex-police Commissioner Mr. Woods, of New York, replacing Mrs. Hamilton Wright; while Mr. L. A. Lyall, British Customs Commissioner in China or Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., F.R.C.S., ex-British Commercial Attaché at Peking, will succeed the late Sir John Jordan.

BANK OF INDO-CHINA.

CHARTER PROLONGED SIX
MONTHS FROM JANUARY.

PARIS, December 11th.

The *Official Gazette* has published a decree, which prolongs for six months from January 1st, 1926, the charter of the Bank of Indo-China.

THE BOOM IN RUBBER.

LONDON DEALERS REPORTED TO
HAVE MADE FORTUNES.

LONDON, December 10th.

The *Daily Graphic* says that as a result of the rubber boom dealers have made fortunes, probably aggregating millions of pounds. At least three of the leading firms propose to retire at Christmas and invest their earnings in gilt-edged securities.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

EXCHANGE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 10th.

The opening of a central market for trading in rubber and rubber futures has been approved. The New York Cocoa Exchange will provide the necessary facilities and actual trading will start early in the new year.

DRURY-LANE PROFIT ON

"ROSE MARIE."

YEAR'S LOSS WIPED OUT IN THREE
MONTHS.

Sir Alfred Butt, M.P., chairman and managing director of the Theatre Royal, Drury-Lane, stated at a meeting of the shareholders that the play *Rose Marie*, which was produced in March, in three months wiped out the loss on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* last year, paid for the production, and made a profit sufficient to pay as 5 per cent. dividend.

He added that the profits since June 30th had been substantial.

"The board," he said, "is strongly of opinion that the unqualified success of *Rose Marie* demonstrated that there is a large public for high-class musical plays at Drury-Lane, and we are leaving no stone unturned to secure suitable shows of this nature to follow *Rose Marie*."

"We have already commissioned Mr. Frederick Lonsdale to write us a musical play, and we are engaging important artists in order to do everything in our power to ensure the continuity of the present prosperity."

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AUGUST 29TH.

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The issue of August 29th contains the full report of the great indignation meeting held at the Theatre Royal, together with the text of the Telegram sent to the Prime Minister.

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TRAVEL BY THE SIBERIAN ROUTE.
THE REAL ATMOSPHERE OF RUSSIA.

A racy and graphic description of the Siberian route to Europe was given to members of the Tientsin Rotary Club at their tiffin last month by a traveller who had recently returned.

The railway, it appears, has not been repaired for fifteen years, and there has been no new rolling stock during that period, with the result that "incidents" are not infrequent. There was, for instance, a glimpse of a train which was smashed by an "avalanche." The wreckage, ten days old, was still strewn fifteen feet below the railway track. Forty passengers were killed and double that number maimed.

The real "joy" of the Siberian journey, according to the speaker, is the atmosphere. Born with a dislike of fresh air, the Russian attendants on the train will not permit any windows to be opened. The passage of a few days, and the presence of aromatic peasants, does the rest.

There are no class distinctions in Russia to-day. Just "soft-seats" and "hard-seats" when it comes to railway journeys, for to label Communists first, second or third class would be invidious; and against the major tenet of the party's faith. The trouble is that the train attendants let the "hard-seats" sit on the soft seats. Nature abhors a vacuum, and the Communist hates to see a soft-seat empty.

"The 'Chief of the Train' is all powerful," said the speaker, "and very strict where the bourgeoisie are concerned. At stations, two bells are sounded to warn passengers to get in. A few minutes later, the bell is struck three times, and the passenger who is then only on the steps of the carriage, is fined three roubles. One unfortunate lady on my train, married to an Englishman, was fined 16 roubles because, having a 'hard-seat' ticket, she stopped to speak to some people in a 'soft-seat' compartment. She was too smartly dressed for the Bolsheviks, and therefore to be 'soaked' when the opportunity offered."

A Communist takes his breakfast at eight o'clock, and passengers must perform wait until after that hour for a meal. "A nasty looking sight at the dining car attendant in the early morning," commented the speaker. "One female was disentangling her hair with the aid of the tooth-picks from the table."

There were other and more exciting happenings on the same train. A cow strolled on the rails, and caused the second car to be derailed when the engine removed the cow. Then another time, a Russian woman fell off the train, which backed half a mile to pick her up again—unhurt.

Food on the train was expensive and poor, and Moscow hotels were no better. The use of a room for two hours cost ten roubles, and one of the best hotels in the place had only two chairs in the lounge, and one settee on the first floor. It was difficult to make the hotel people understand what a bath was and when that was made quite clear, it took another half an hour to get the water clear. The pipes were all rusted; silent testimony to the passing of the luxury loving bourgeoisie.

Chats on the train with Communists, the white waiters strolled through the cars with cigarettes in their mouths, revealed that under Soviet rule, all men are equal. Hence the presence of the aforementioned waiters at the passengers' tables. It was also discovered that there was a definite wage limit for all brain-workers, and an ingenious method to discourage any clever man getting more than his legal share, the discouragement consisting of a lack of investments, while to increase the luxury of his existence was impossible as he is forbidden to employ any one.

This system is possible for as long as the 'half million' Communists retain power. As the present time they have a monopoly of votes and revolvers.

The speaker was in Russia for only as long as the journey through, coupled with a brief stay at Moscow. He could not, therefore, give a detailed criticism of Russia to-day, but he summed up his fleeting impressions as follows:—

"With the exception of the Communists on the train, I did not see one happy face in Siberia or in Russia. The stations are crowded with beggars of all ages, male and female. The people look down-trodden and wretched. No one dare look even respectable. The women wear cloth peaked caps and ill-cut blouses of grey material with a leather strap round the waist and skirts of coarse blue material. No British artisan's daughter would be seen dead in the costume. The men are miserably clothed and filthy. There is an air of suspicion everywhere. The people wander about the streets in an aimless manner, casting furtive glances at the passers by. There can be no greater autocracy than that which obtains under Communist rule, the rule of a small minority by revolvers. The Russians are used to autocratic rule; but that the system can spread to more enlightened peoples is incredible. The capitalist system has its defects, but under it one does see happy people of all classes. In Russia the same gloom pervades all. It is just a great relief to get out of a country which can be described only as drab, dirty and depressing."

MANNING OF BRITISH SHIPS.
LORD JELlicoe ON WORK OF MERCHANT SERVICE.

EX-SAILORS CLUB OPENED.

Lord Jellicoe visited Birmingham last month with the aim of assisting the city in raising its quota of £10,000 towards the sum of 100,000 guineas for which the Prince of Wales is appealing to further the work of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. On arrival he was received by the Mayor, and after being entertained at luncheon, he addressed a mass meeting at the Central Hall.

In commending the work of the society, Lord Jellicoe said he would like, if it were possible, to see more done in providing outdoor, healthy recreation for the men of our merchant ships in ports abroad. He did not think it was possible to emphasize too strongly the immense advantage to the Empire of having British ships manned by Britons. He did not like to see British seamen trying to get employment when some British ships were sailing with foreign crews. In the early days of the war there were many exceptions on which he refused to allow ships to enter the Fleet base at Scapa Flow because they had foreigners in their crews. It was never certain what information a foreigner might give to our enemies, and, if there was no other reason, that was a very strong one for having British seamen to man the ships of the Empire. The British Mercantile Marine was one of the greatest assets which the Empire possessed, and anything which could be done to improve the lot of those manning our ships and to make them happy and contented ought to be undertaken.

NATION'S DEBT.

Mr. Amery said that Lord Jellicoe had reminded them how much the country depended for its necessities of life on the British Mercantile Marine. A nation which owed so much for its existence, well-being, and development to the work of those whose livelihood was gained at sea was under a special and personal obligation to them. The best way in which we could discharge that debt was to assist the work of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, which now for 100 years had laid itself out to help seamen.

Lord Jellicoe afterwards opened a club for ex-sailors in Corporation Street, in connection with which an employment bureau is contemplated, and before leaving the district also opened a British Legion Club at Sutton Coldfield.

SAVED BY A MIRACLE.
AN ASTOUNDING OPERATION IN LONDON.

[BY A SURGEON.]

What, I wonder, would the surgeons of a century ago have thought of one of the most astounding operations of modern times recently performed at the London Hospital? There a surgeon actually cut open, and dilated one of the valves of the human heart while that heart was still carrying on its normal circulatory function.

Since the very birth of medical science, the dream of performing this operation has stirred the imagination of the surgeon. But never has surgical technique been the equal of surgical imagination.

This is the history of this amazing operation: In 1921 the patient a young girl came up to the London Hospital suffering from mitral stenosis, or a gradual closure of one of the four valves of the heart. In spite of continuous treatment the patient did not improve and it was decided to operate.

A large flap of skin and muscle over the girl's heart was laid back and the ribs over the cardiac area were removed. The pericardium or sac containing the heart was then exposed to view and the heart could be seen pulsating at the rate of 128 beats to the minute.

The sac was then opened an incision was made in the auricle (one of the four chambers of the heart) and the gloved finger of the surgeon was inserted as a plug to stop the immediate fountain of blood.

After examination it was decided not to incise the valve as had originally been intended but merely to dilate it with the finger.

The surgeon very slowly and with infinite care did this without any mishap: the incision was sutured, the pericardium closed, the ribs the muscles and the skin replaced layer by layer. While he was doing this the heart maintained a very nearly normal pulsation which became wholly normal when the chest was closed. The patient made a speedy and uninterrupted recovery, and when I last heard of her stated that she felt perfectly well.

This is the first time this operation has ever been performed on the human heart. Each month, each week, almost, sees some new advance in medical knowledge. But it is doubtful whether more than a very few of the people who hurry along under the grey walls of London's hospitals realise anything of the great pioneer work that is being carried on unceasingly within them.

HEALTHY AND WEALTHY.

We live in a complex, difficult world. To our simple ancestors it seemed quite natural and not too difficult that a man should be at once healthy and wealthy and wise. But modern science will have none of that. Hardly anyone is healthy now, and nobody deserves to be, such are our sciences against the laws of our nature. The possibility of once, indeed, seems to be infinite, for each physiologist who addresses the community propounds a new code which contradicts the last; we had been taught to believe, for example, that whatever else was dangerous, there was safety in milk. "Drunk more milk," we were assured, was a slogan which not only had the approval of all the Olympians of science, but was approved by the great heart of the American people. What higher authority could we seek? And now comes a physiologist in the University of London, Professor B. Collingwood, and says coldly that "milk is the salvation of the child and the damnation of the adult... the cause of a large proportion of the ills to which the body is unjustly said to be heir." The stuff, in fact, is not even innocent; you are not even safe with it. We submit that if this is true the lily should have been sold before, and if it is not they should not be told now. Something ought to be said from the reformers of our diet. But Professor Collingwood is not a soothing homilist. Healthy we may be if we eschew milk and other toxic matter. Wealthy we may be, though it is not for a physiologist to say how. But healthy and wealthy at once few can hope to be. "As a man's bank-roll goes uphill, his health begins to go downhill." The metaphor is difficult, the meaning is sternly plain. "One of the worst things that can happen to a man is to get rich at about forty years of age." The reason for this is that when a man is rich he "acquires a motor-car and gives up all forms of exercise." The word "rich" has, of course, no particular meaning. It is even more relative than most things in this world. Yet we have heard it rumored that men acquire motor-cars without waiting to grow rich, and such humble observation of the habits of our "richards" as is possible to the mere bourgeois suggests that they take as much exercise as other people. But, though we do not highly esteem our professor's facts, we propose to believe his theory passionately. What natural man does not want to believe that the plutocrats have a horrible time? How many humble homes may be cheered by the faith that all millionaires have, *ex officio*, indigestion!—The Times.

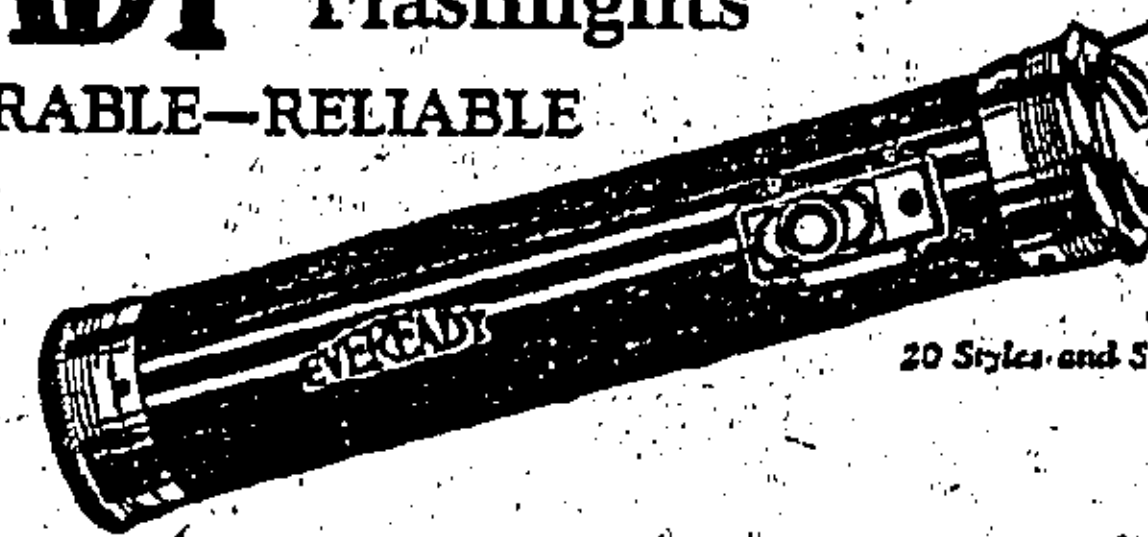
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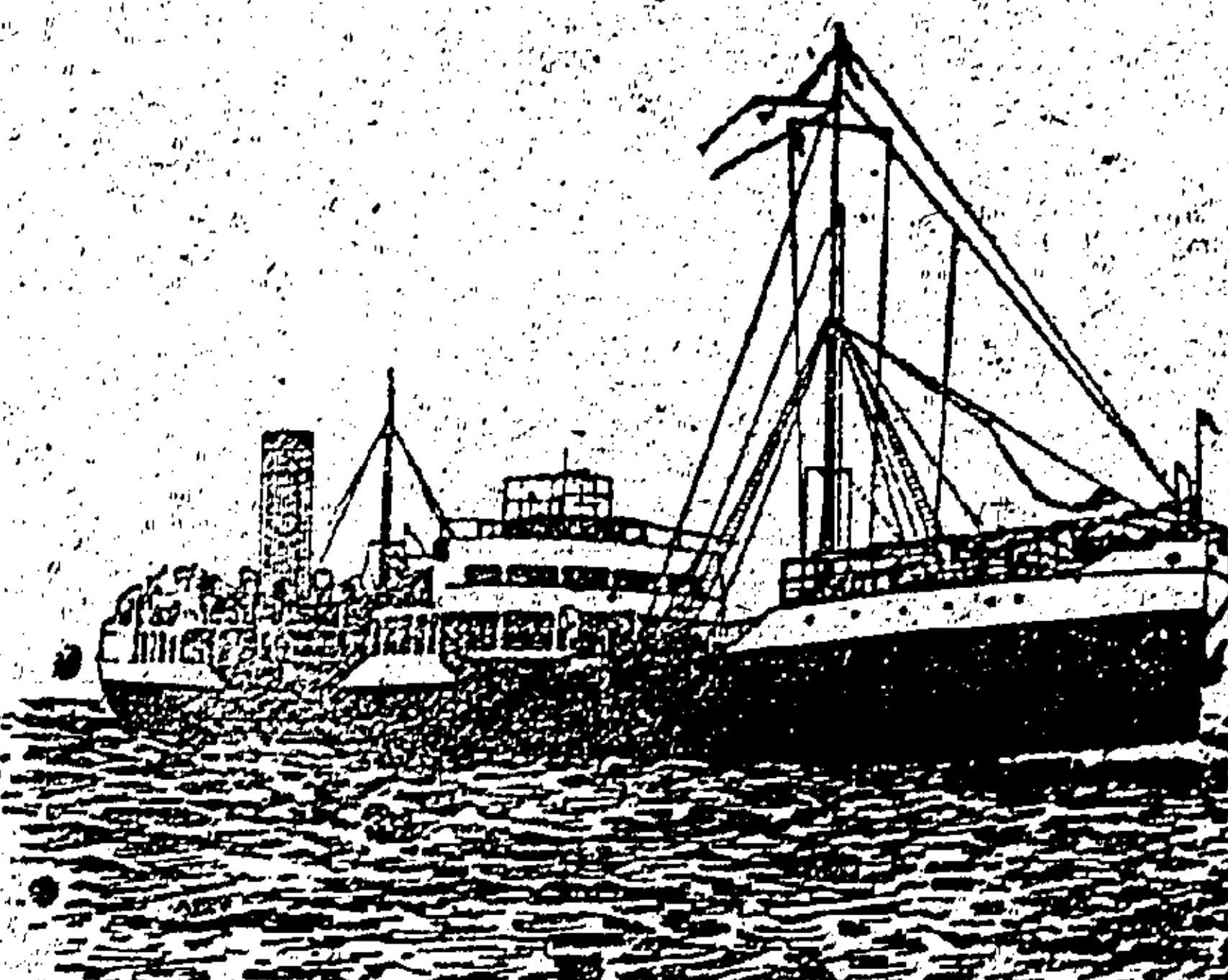
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 10th.

Anhui, British str., 2,079 tons, Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

Derwent, Chinese str., 1,363 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7. —Yuen On S.S. Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,588 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Taikeo Maru, Japanese str., 1,204 tons, Capt. T. Ishigaki, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39—O.S.K.

Tilawa, British str., 6,153 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Osaka and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tulna, British schooner, 6,154 tons, Capt. R. W. Hocking, from Calcutta and Straits, with 1,800 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

December 11th.

Hakata Maru, Japanese str., 3,752 tons, Capt. G. Matsushita, from Calcutta and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Macedonia, British str., 3,650 tons, Capt. H. W. Potter, R.D., R.N.R., from London and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 6th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Hutchinson, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. J. S. de Wolf, from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C31—B. & S.

Morvan, British str., 3,900 tons, Capt. E. J. Thornton, R.D., R.N.R., from Yokohama and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Thames, British str., 4,292 tons, Capt. Evan Jones, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Tunkin, French str., 346 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—M.M.

CLEARANCES.

December 11th.

Anhui, for Shanghai.

Hoyan, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Kobe Maru, for Saigon.

Morvan, for Singapore.

President McKinley, for Shanghai.

President Jackson, for Manila.

Taiwa Maru, for Hongkong.

Tulna, for Amoy.

Thames, for Shanghai.

Tiny King, for Hoihow.

Tjiki, for Sourabaya.

Vin China, for Penang.

Yipin Maru, for Tientsin.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agua (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1927.

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due Dec. 17th.

Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 20th.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest changes on the China Coast steamers:

Mr. M. Loven, *Halvard*, has gone 1st mate of the *Confucius*.

Mr. J. Hudson, *Anjou*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Confucius*.

Mr. A. Beckenbach, *Huldis*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Confucius*.

Mr. J. Robson, has signed off the *Kuangchow* as 1st engineer, and has gone 1st engineer of the *Suyung*.

Mr. J. Charles has signed off as 1st engineer of the *Deuwing*.

Mr. T. W. Spence, *Telemachus*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Halvard*.

Mr. E. J. Fun has signed off the *Chin-hua* as 1st mate.

Messrs. J. M. Nieted, C. B. Adkins, R. K. Stead, G. S. Arthur and N. L. Mather, have signed off the *Tingchow* as master, 1st mate, 2nd mate, 1st engineer and 2nd engineer respectively and have signed on the *Teun* in the same capacities.

Mr. E. Fitzgerald, *Confucius*, has gone 3rd engineer of the *Teun*.

Messrs. J. E. Clay, G. Gair, V. L. Aling, D. Macfarlane, F. J. Newlett and L. L. Lawrence, have all signed off the *Formosa* as master, 1st, 2nd and 3rd engineers, 2nd mate and mate respectively.

Mr. T. O. B. Norman, *Sui Tai*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Sui Tai*.

Mr. O. Fox, has signed off the *Kuangchow* as 2nd mate, and has gone 1st mate of the *Chin-hua*.

Mr. J. G. M. Yuill has gone from 2nd engineer to 1st engineer of the *Deuwing*.

Mr. C. A. Foote, *Pheupenh*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Deuwing*.

THE "MACEDONIA."

From the report made by the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* yesterday, when she arrived here from Singapore, it seems that she encountered rather rough weather, more particularly in the early part of the trip. She left Singapore on December 6th and was five days coming up to Hongkong. The report made by the master to the Harbour Office yesterday was as under:—Fresh North-easterly winds to Pulo Manki. Thence strong N.E. monsoon to Lat. 13° N., with frequent rain, squalls, rough head seas and swell. From Lat. 13° N. to Hongkong, fresh monsoon.

Vegetable goods are reporting favourable winds and are making very good passage.

The *Macedonia* leaves for Shanghai this morning.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Taina*, on December 10th:—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cleather, Mr. Crump, Miss Davey, Capt. P. MacGinness, Mr. MacNicken, Miss Baker, Staff-Sergeant Brown.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Morven*, on December 11th:—Misses J. and S. Harvey, Mr. A. Murdoch, Dr. B. Baird, Mr. L. F. Young, Mrs. Butler, Miss Deanton, Mr. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Weighman, Mr. R. A. Krollen, Dr. P. Borriaksh, Mr. R. C. Pemberton, Mr. B. Kaka, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Willis and child, P.O. Davies, Rev. R. G. Beville, Mr. and Mrs. Wensley, Miss P. Durham, Mr. J. P. Whittall, Mr. T. Nickerson, Mr. Corblitzky, Mr. W. K. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bohlen, Mr. G. Gonzalez, Mr. R. Gonzalez, Mr. A. Gonzalez, Miss L. Betti, Miss A. Lauro, Mr. E. Cuneo, Mr. P. F. L. Patrucco, Mr. E. Caranassi, Mr. A. Gilardi, Miss S. Caranassi, Miss R. Piccolo, Miss R. Gilardi, Miss Maria Piva, Miss M. Andreani, Miss A. Fabbri, Miss P. Pollini, Miss G. Landi, Miss E. Cochet, Miss B. David, Mr. G. Giuliani, Mr. S. Neri, Mr. E. Mosca, Miss E. Bozzoli, Mr. A. Pedrelli, Mr. E. Borra, Mr. L. Calzolari, Mr. E. Delagatti, Mr. N. Barontini, Mr. C. Corradetti, Mr. I. Braghini, Mr. L. Matteoni, Miss A. de Robosio, Mr. A. Vassili, Mr. E. M. Ross, Rosa, Mr. G. Vassili, Mr. B. Mazzet, Miss M. J. Said, Mr. R. Mazzet, Miss M. G. Grant, Mr. H. Wallace, Miss M. Eccles, Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. Watson, Mr. G. D. Jack, Mr. D. O. Watling, Mr. W. R. Smith, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. E. A. Yates.

DEPARTURES.

Per Dollar liner *President Taft*, for Manila, on December 11th:—Mr. and Mrs. S. Allen, Dr. H. O. Beyer, Miss G. Black, Mrs. E. Brodberg, Mrs. M. B. Cleland, Miss L. Campbell, Mr. B. B. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fisher, Mr. B. Guysi, Mrs. J. F. Guysi, Dr. A. J. Hermans, Mr. F. Hammond, Miss L. Hazelton, Miss E. Hunter, Mr. M. R. Horet, Mr. L. D. Lockwood, Mr. W. S. Moore, Mr. T. J. McQuaide, Mrs. C. B. Moulton, Mr. J. A. Murphy, Mr. A. B. Moulton, Mr. J. D. Menacchini, Mr. Fred M. Melovinsker, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Marguettes, Mr. N. Nyborg, Mr. James O. O'Leary, Miss Anne O'Malley, Mr. R. A. Rowlands, Mrs. Geo. Rheims, Rev. C. L. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spencer, Master D. Spencer, Master R. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shaw, Master F. Shaw, Mr. A. B. Tigh, Miss Helen J. Wilk, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Washer, Mr. G. A. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalison, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Swan, Miss A. Swan, Mr. W. H. Nicely, Col. Miss A. Karany, Mr. J. L. Byrne, Mr. B. Penna, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hertridge, Miss Hertridge, Mr. Martin V. Merle, Mr. Kwa Pak Ming, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bramwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Allix, Mr. F. E. Garratt, Mr. M. V. Merle, Major H. F. Smith.

Per Admiral Oriental liner *President Jackson*, for Seattle and ports, on December 11th:—Mr. J. L. Durand, Mr. Loo Lee Sang, Mr. Ng-Bing Chit, Miss Teese, Mr. R. Bernhardt, Mrs. N. L. Smith, Miss P. S. Lee, Mr. A. Razack, Mr. T. Hamowy, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Lee, Mr. H. N. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. O'Dell, Mr. Chin Tak Long, Mr. A. S. Gubbe, Mr. C. M. Mannors, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wolsiffer, Mr. G. F. Haslam, Fr. E. X. Ford, Mr. J. F. B. Miller, Miss J. Miller, Mr. M. Webb, Mr. L. T. Chow, Mrs. Ma Man Kap, Mr. T. K. King, Mrs. D. M. Nisim, Miss Ting Shu Ching, Mr. Kwa Eng Lee, Mr. Yui Cheung, Mr. Mo Hui Tuck, Mr. Chiang He Sui, Mr. H. Lafford, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hazell, Mr. Ching Fung and Shing, Mr. Tang Gim Pjig, Mr. and Mrs. Taketo, Mr. A. Lane, Mr. Chin On, Mrs. Lee Shee, Master Suey Wuan, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Chit Nam, Mr. Ng Chin, Mr. Ly Chieu, Mr. Fay-Bishop, Mr. W. Eldred, Mr. H. Town, Miss D. Bailey, Mr. N. S. Chan, Mrs. V. M. Jackson, Mr. S. Richmond, Mr. E. D. Turner, Mrs. M. U. Turner, Mrs. Mary U. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, Mr. R. E. McIntyre, Mr. R. E. McFie, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rifkin, Miss Y. L. Rifkin, Mr. H. J. Sleek, Miss Marie Scyp, Mrs. C. B. Williams, Miss Marie Scyp, Mr. C. P. Brainober, Mr. E. E. Diet, Mrs. H. N. Diet, Mrs. Helen D. Freiden, Mr. H. Lindley, Miss V. M. Rice, Mr. F. A. Oleaga, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Ranney.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. s.s. *Arafa*, left Manila for this port on the afternoon of the 10th inst., with the outward Australian mails, and is due here to arrive here to-morrow morning.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Services, December 13th:—Morning, at 11 a.m. Hymns: 54, 659, 765, 553 and 572. Subject: The Constraints of Life. Evening, at 8 p.m. Hymns: 257, 523, 603, 142 and 333. Subject: The Creed of the Faith. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald. P.S.A. Meeting at 4 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Friday, 18th Dec., at 8.30 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Meeting. [36]

First Church of Christ, Scotchmen, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road, Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. Reading Room open Tuesday and Friday mornings—10 to 12. [37]

St. John's Cathedral.—Sunday, 13th December:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins & Sermon at 11 a.m. The Chaplain will preach on "The Sacramental Attitude." Evening & Sermon at 8 p.m.—The Rev. A. D. Stewart will preach on "The buried pound." [396]

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 17	June 19	June 30
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SHIPPING NOTES.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 67, of which 31 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were thirteen (the same as the previous day), of which the nationalities were eight British, two Dutch, two Japanese and one Chinese. The departures for the same period numbered eight and clearances three.

The total cargo entered for Hongkong for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 3,181 tons, against 12,173 tons for the previous twenty-four hours. For ports beyond Hongkong there was entered cargo amounting to 1,859 tons, against 16,474 tons for the previous day. The combined cargo entered to-tall 27,047 tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were the s.s. *Macedonia* (British) from London and Singapore with 619 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Morven* (British)

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"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Dec.
"MALWA"	10,941	9th Jan.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Jan.
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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZECHEEN"	On 15th Dec.	5 p.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 17th Dec.	10 a.m.
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